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It's Hawaiian Delight right on the EC campus for freshmen Charlie Moorehead and Patricia Thompson.

Linebacker Wyatt Williams of Demopolis, Al. prepares to take a hit from a Co-Lin Wolf.

Chivalry is alive at EC as proven by Barry Phillips who assists Marcy Fulton in getting her clothes up the steps.

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Chris and Mark Branning and other band members enjoy the casual atmosphere of a pep rally and the chance to "jam" a little.

"Piling on is fun unless you're on the bottom," Chad Nelson groans. Todd Warren, Rocky Henry, and William Tucker enjoy the fun.

Amy Cumberland and LeAnn Allen make an adjustment to the Warrior Chief's uniform — all a part of being a Warrior Cheerleader.

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Warrior spirit takes many forms. For the homecoming pep rally, sophomores Bruce Mainka and B. J. Hailey showed up painted with the Warrior colors of black and gold.

With the largest enrollment in its history, with changes in curriculum to reflect the needs of the 1990s, with a faculty and administration prepared to lead the college into a new decade and a new century, the 1989-90 school year will indeed be one to remember. Together, in one giant chorus, as students prepare to transfer to universities across the South or to assume places in their chosen occupations, we proclaim with pride and confidence, "Whatever the need, whatever the challenge, COUNT US IN!"

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Michelle Lawrence's expression says it all as she is totally surprised by the flowers she received on her birthday.

A rose by any other name . . .

It's The Thought That Counts

It's 6 p.m. on a typical evening in the women's dorm. Some girls are cooking up their own special dinner in the dorm kitchen while others dress for dates or prepare to study. Suddenly, a loud squeal pierces the air, followed by another and then echoed up and down the halls by other squeals of delight as word passes — Someone has received a dozen roses!

Perhaps it's a birthday or the anniversary of a couple on campus. Maybe it's a peace offering following a lover's spat. Or maybe it's just to say "I Care."

Whatever the occasion, there is nothing which touches a women's heart like receiving flowers. And when the flowers are delivered to her dormitory where a hundred other girls can see them and know that someone sent them just to her, the occasion is even more special.

"I got flowers on my birthday, " beamed Michelle Lawrence from Pisgah. "I didn't know I was getting them, and it was a big thrill. Maybe he'll send them again when we celebrate our second anniversary of going steady. I hope so anyway."

Michelle's feelings about getting flowers is typical of East Central's female population. There's just something special about being called to the lobby, seeing those flowers on the counter, and suddenly realizing they are for you.

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Paula Carter stifles a cry of amazement over the birthday flowers sent by friend Darin Pickett.

The fragrance of a rose gives Kim Alford something to think about for several days after she has received them.

"I can't believe this!" Tabitha Breazeale seems to be saying while holding one of the roses Leonard Nelson sent her for no specific occasion.

1199 and Counting!

When registration closed on September 1, 1989, East Central counted 1199 students, the largest enrollment in the history of the college.

Intense recruiting efforts throughout the previous year and continuing into the summer of 1989 paid off as students chose East Central in record numbers. Stiff competition from universities in the state helped intensify East Central's recruiting efforts.

Of the 1199 students enrolled in the fall semester, 546 were males and 653 were females. Four hundred and thirty-nine students live in campus housing, including 51 out-of-staters who chose East Central as their college.

Included in the enrollment are 795 academic students, 230 technical students, and 174 vocational students. The students are scattered through every curriculum offered by the college from agriculture to pre-med to welding.

"We are proud of the fact that our hard work in recruiting paid off," Gregg Jefcoat, Academic Counselor and Recruiter, stated. "When you are selling a good product, it's easier to sell, and East Central is a great product. It not only is a sound academic institution, but it is a 'personal' school. That's why we have as our motto 'With You in Mind.'"

To emphasize the increased enrollment and to enhance the feeling of family which is already present on the campus, the yearbook staff this year sponsored an EC Family Portrait.

After being thwarted by the earliest freeze and freezing precipitation in the history of East Central Mississippi (Oct. 17), the picture was rescheduled and nearly every student on campus showed up at activity period to be included in the picture.

An ABC camera crew's presence for a *Good Morning America* segment added to the excitement.

Even an important event like the "family portrait" could not keep Amy Cumberland from studying for a test.

For the first time in the history of the college, 1989-90 saw an attempt to gathering the entire daytime student body for a group picture. Billed as the "EC Family Portrait," the morning turned into an adventure when *Good Morning America* sent a camera team to file an introductory segment.

Kristi Patrick nervously accepts the microphone from the ABC segment producer who was wiring Kristi for a *Good Morning America* greeting.

Band Director Tom Carson uses the bullhorn, normally reserved for band practice, to line up the student body for the first-ever "family portrait."

Stephanie Patrick almost changes her mind about wanting straight hair as the iron, handled by Pam Gilmer, comes closer and closer to her ear.

Giddy after hours of studying for a test, Kim Wedgeworth stands in front of her closet at 1 a.m. trying to decide what she might wear to her 8 o'clock class.

Neither noise nor light nor visiting friends shall keep Kathy McDougle from her much needed sleep. Sleeping in a dorm is sometimes an exercise in perseverence.

Dorm Sweet Dorm
Counting Our Blessings

Any person who has never lived in a college dormitory has missed a great part of his preparation for life. No one should miss living in the same building with dozens of people, sharing the same showers, telephones and ironing boards, and learning to study with a neighbor's stereo at full blast.

On the other hand, no one should miss the late night gossip sessions, the snacks shared at 2 a.m. while studying for exams, or the closeness which develops among two or three individuals of different backgrounds who learn to live together in a small room and like it.

Dormitory life at East Central is the same as dorm life at any college, no matter how large or small. There are the same problems and the same pleasures. But this year, EC students have had the enjoyment of living in totally renovated dorms with new furniture. Both Newsome and Jackson Halls for women and Todd and Winston Halls for men have undergone extensive renovation, resulting in an enhanced lifestyle for the students choosing to live on campus.

During the fall semester of 1989-90, 439 students lived in the dormitories at East Central. This represents 52% of the fulltime on-campus students.

"We encourage students to live on campus if possible," stated Dr. Phil Sutphin, Dean of Students. It definitely gives them a different perspective of college, and it also helps them to begin developing the self-discipline which is an essential component of maturity."

A table in the lobby of Jackson Hall provides a good place for Gay Chamblee and Bethany Brantley to do a little studying while waiting for the soaps to come on.

Thoughts of home lure Diane Ingram to the phone. Like most dorm students, Diane keeps in close touch with family during the week.

Oblivious to the mess around them, Cindy Hall and Charla McFarland study while Kimberly Hobby works on posters for Homecoming.

COUNTDOWN TO BLASTOFF

Registration, football practice hypnotist show, luau - Opening week is filled with activities

"Why can't all of the year be like the first week of school? someone was heard to moan in the hall on a cold, winter day, just prior to exams.

The first week of school at East Central is a special time. There is an almost holiday air about the campus as students move into the dorms, meet new friends and greet old ones, stand in line to register, and enjoy the feeling of embarking on an adventure.

After a full day of registration, football practice, band practice, cheerleader practice, work on the yearbook, and adjustment to dorm life, students are ready for some pleasurable activities in the late afternoon and evening.

East Central officials attempt to organize the first week of school so that students are kept busy, not only with the business of registration but leisure-time activities. Among the activities planned this year were the traditional "Meet the Warriors" night which this year was coupled with a luau on the East Mall, a hypnotist act, first-run movies, and a dance.

What is the favorite activity of opening week? An informal check with students at mid-year revealed that they vividly remembered the fruit table at the luau and the excitement of having all the teams introduced; but the most lasting memory seems to be of the hypnotist show. Col. Wallington has been coming to East Central for a number of years, and each year a different group of students "goes under" and makes spectacles of themselves by eating onions, chasing imaginary dragons, and pretending they are toasters.

In May, when students get ready to move out of the dorm and begin making plans for the summer, the opening week of school seems a long time in the past, but the memories of it linger as a vivid part of the East Central Experience.

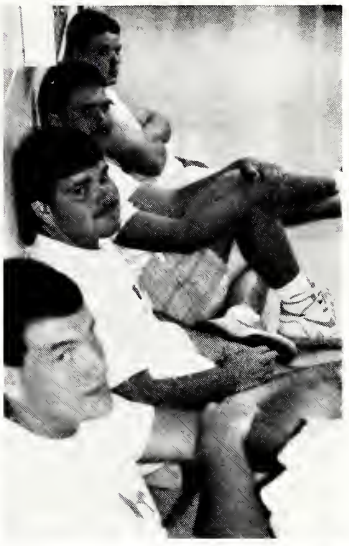
Martie Brewer and Rosetta Howard find everything which hypnotist Colonel Wallington says to be extremely funny. Martie later declared she did not remember what was so humorous.

Charlie Moorehead tempts Patricia Thompson with a lucious piece of fruit from the opening week luau.

Dressing up for a photo for the athletic program proved to be no great problem for Wade Kennedy, a sophomore from Noxapater.

Freshman Pam Gilmer unloads her car to move into the dorm, seemingly resigned to a year of rewards and frustrations.

After a long, hot day of football practice, players Sean Holdiness, Cullen Scarborough, Brent Bailey and Jimmy Brown relax in the cool of the gym.



The opening week dance provided a good place for Hayes Petty and Bobby Kornegay to meet new friends.

Amy Cumberland and Michelle Mitchell bid "alohoa" to freshman Todd Warren from Forest.

Fads: Don't Count on Them

A generation ago, it was the hoola hoop. Later came the slinky. Starched petticoats, poodle skirts, bobby socks, and flat top haircuts had already come and gone, enjoying a brief spurt of popularity.

All of these were a part of a phenomenon known as "fads," and this year once again East Central has experienced some rather interesting fads.

One fad which has hung around longer than most is the multi-pierced ear. Some girls have as many as five holes in one ear, and many guys have at least one earring. Vests are a big fashion item this year along with oversized tennis shoes with double-length strings left untied.

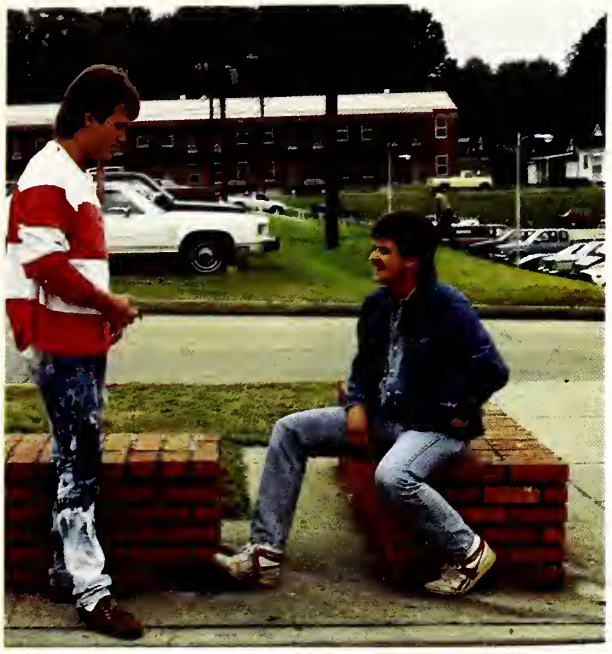
In the area of transportation, two fads have swept the campus this year. One is the "Ultra Hot" sticker whick adorns nearly every vehicle it seems, and the other is the sun shield which fits over the inside of the windshield. The popular "roll bar" on four-wheel drive vehicles might be moving from fad status right into true transport fashion.

Unusual haircuts are another fad this year. One student sported an arrow neatly shaved into his hair, while a football player had his jersey number displayed on the back of his head.

When this yearbook is read ten years from now, this year's freshman class will be twenty-eight years old and established in the business and professional community. They should get a chuckle from looking at, reading about, and thinking about the fads they participated in in 1989-90 at East Central.

Librarian Anne Burkes' car illustrates the fad of personalized tags. Of course, Mrs. Burkes' YUGO goes "To EC."

J.J. Purvis and Hayes Petty demonstrate two contrasting fads in hair style. J.J. goes for the long and natural look while Hayes chooses the shaved-and-raised look.



Charlie Moorehead wears the faded jeans which might be moving from fad into fashion, while Jamie Massey sports the rather enduring fad of heavy tennis shoes. The grubbier the tennis shoes, the more fashionable they are.

Half the vehicles on campus, and especially pick up trucks and four-wheel drives, sport the "Ultra Hot" sticker in varying sizes. This sticker is definitely a fad which will soon disappear.

David Savell's torn bluejeans represent a fad which in 1989-90 raced across the country. Donnie Collins is wearing the popular stone-washed jeans. Both students are from Decatur, and both wear oversized tennis shoes, loosely laced and untied.

Every Minute Counts

At the Hawaiian luau, Jeff Crocker enjoys one aspect of island life - eating grapes from the hand of a beautiful girl. Cheerleader Amy Cumberland provides the grapes while Dana Killen smiles her approval.

Alumni Count the Miles

Coming Home to EC

From as far away as Pennsylvania and California, they came. From towns and cities all across the South, they came — EC alumni returning to the campus for a day of visiting and remembering.

Of special interest this year were two groups, the 1939 graduating class which celebrated its fiftieth anniversary, and the 1939 State Championship football team which enjoyed a reunion and received championship plaques.

One member of that team, Lamar Blount of Decatur, was inducted into the EC Athletic Hall of Fame, along with former outstanding athlete Earl Marshall of Decatur and former president and athlete Arno Vincent.

EC's current President Dr. Eddie M. Smith was honored as Alumnus of the Year for his continuing support of and contributions to the college. Dr. Walterine Herrington, a psychiatrist from Jackson, was honored as Alumna of the Year. Longtime faculty members Joe Clark and Larry Blackburn were recognized as Faculty Members of the Year.

Following the noon banquet, the football game was played on Warrior Field. After the game, a reception was held in Mabry Cafeteria, allowing an opportunity for friends and families to greet the honorees and visit with one another.

October 14, 1989, was a warm, sunny fall day in central Mississippi. Indian summer temperatures prevailed as students, faculty, and alumni strolled around the campus. Everywhere there was a feeling of pride and nostalgia. As one member of the '39 football team expressed it, "I wouldn't be where I am today if it hadn't been for this school. Today has made me realize that even more."

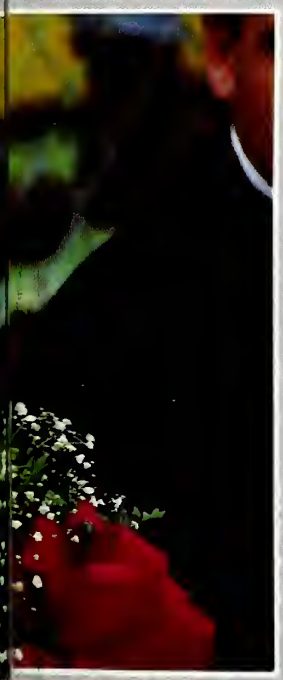
Homecoming 1989 is now history, but memories of it will remain in a lot of people's minds for a long time.

The VICA Club display expresses the thought of many EC alumni who traveled long distances for Homecoming. The display won the $50 first place award.

Freshman maid Randy Leigh Baugh enjoys the football game holding the roses presented to her as a member of the Homecoming Court.

The Warriors break through the traditional homecoming sign made by the cheerleaders while the cheerleaders get ready to release black and gold balloons.

On her way to take her place in the "royal box," sophomore maid Kim Alford looks every bit like royalty. Homecoming Court members are chosen by popular election of the student body.



Members of the 1989 Homecoming Court pose for their official photograph. Members are: Freshman Maids Sonya Stokes, Dana Killen, and Randy Leigh Baugh; Queen Umeki Edwards; Maid of Honor Kimberly Hobby; and Sophomore Maids Kim Alford, Leigh Ann Goolsby and Heather Weidler. Escorts are: Randy Stokes, Brian Killen, Richie Grant, Charlie Donnerson, Chris Platt, Keith Schexnayder, Brian Waddell and Eric Davis.

Sophomore maid Heather Weidler of Decatur flashes a smile as she is escorted across the field by Eric Davis, a sophomore from Chatham, New York.

Kim Alford, a sophomore maid from Carthage, is escorted by sophomore Keith Schexnayder of Baton Rouge, La.

Freshman maid Dana Killen from Philadelphia enjoyed the homecoming festivities with escort Bryan Killen, also a freshman from Philadelphia.

Homecoming Queen Umeki Edwards is crowned by College President, Dr. Eddie M. Smith, as Chairman of the Board, Henry Hudspeth, smiles his approval. Umeki's escort is Charlie Donnerson.

Students Look Forward to Homecoming

Counting the Good Times

A popular attraction at every home game this year was Karla Munn, a freshman from Beulah Hubbard, who was added this year as a feature twirler. The band had not had a feature twirler for a number of years, and Karla filled the spot beautifully.

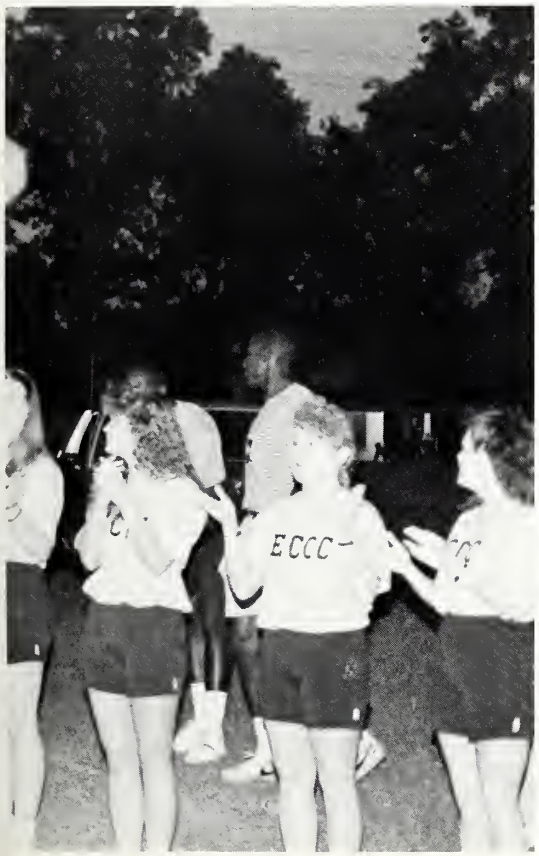
No week of the semester is more eagerly looked forward to by the student body than Homecoming week. By that time, school has been going on for nearly eight weeks; midterm exams and grades loom large in students' minds; and Homecoming week offers a needed break.

The week includes an activity every night, culminating with a dance on Thursday night. Other events include a giant bonfire-pep rally which has become a Homecoming tradition at East Central; a "Mess" pageant at which a mock beauty pageant is held to spoof the opposing team; and black and gold day.

All during the week, organizations on campus are working on displays depicting the year's theme. This year the committee chose "Come Home to EC" providing a range of possibilities for colorful displays including a US map showing places where alumni were expected to come from.

In the women's dorms, girls plan their Homecoming wardrobes while those selected for the queen's court make final adjustments to their evening dresses.

"Homecoming is a great time," said sophomore Missy Smith. "It's a little like an unexpected holiday. I love it!"



Homecoming week means the annual bonfire. This group of students get into the spirit of the week as the cheerleaders lead a cheer.

Freshman David Savell, a wide receiver from Decatur, cuts to the sideline as he goes for a gain in the Homecoming game.

Top Ten Finalists in the 89-90 beauty pageant included: (Front) Kristi Patrick, Kimberly Hobby, Heather Weidler, Kim Alford, and Karen Valentine; (Back) Debby Tidmore, Randy Leigh Baugh, Lea Ann Allen, Buffy Reeves, and Mechalle Everett.

Adjusting the bow on the back of Debbie Tidmore's dress provided a vote of confidence from her mother. Debbie is a freshman from Meridian.

What are friends for? "To be there when you need them" would be Leigh Ann Goolsby's answer as she helps Stephanie Dear with last minute touches.

Brian Waddell opened the pageant with a moving rendition of "You Are So Beautiful" just prior to the parade of beauties.

24 Beauties Vie for Title

The East Central Beauty Pageant is an event anticipated every year, not only by the participants but by the entire student body. This year the crowd was not disappointed as twenty-four girls vied for the title of East Central's Most Beautiful Girl for 1989-90.

Backstage before the pageant, contestants eagerly checked themselves over and added last minute touches to makeup and hair. At 7:30 p.m., Emcee Ovid Vickers opened the pageant, and the competition began with a parade of contestants.

Earlier in the evening, the girls had been involved in interviews with the judges at which time the judges had the opportunity to visit individually with the contestants and to see them in more casual dress.

"This year's contestants seemed to be calmer than in the past," Pageant Director Leesa Lee said after the pageant. "They seemed to enjoy it more, and to have a good time rather than being hung up on who was going to win." Ms. Lee has directed the pageant for the past three years and agrees that the pageant is a good experience for the girls as it teaches both self-discipline and personal poise.

"I have never talked with a girl who said she was sorry she had been in the pageant," the Director commented. "Ten years from now, this will be an important part of their memories of East Central."

The four beaus and Most Handsome had been selected earlier by popular vote of the student body, and when the judges had made their final decision, Heather Weidler, a sophomore from Decatur, was selected Most Beautiful, and Chris Platt, a sophomore from Keithville, Louisiana, was named Most Handsome.

Contestant Amy Cumberland applies last-minute touches to her lipstick before joining the parade of beauties.

Missy Smith gets a little help from friend Michelle Lawrence as both girls obviously enjoy preparing for going onstage.

Beauties and

Kim Alford
Jimbo Patterson

Kimberly Hobby
B. J. Hailey

Beaus

Karen Valentine
Brent Bailey

Kristi Patrick
Joey Boykin

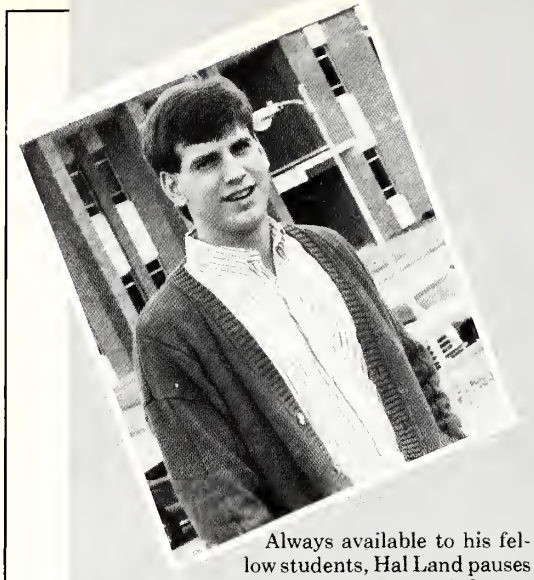
Most Beautiful and Most Handsome

Heather Weidler

This year's Most Beautiful Girl is not only beautiful but very active. She is Editor of the WO-HE-LO, a position which requires a great deal of her time. She also is a Centralette this year for the second year and has been a member of the Warrior Corps for two years. Heather was a sophomore Homecoming Maid, is a member of Mu Alpha Theta, and is majoring in Biology.

Chris Platt

A native of Keithville, Louisiana, this year's Most Handsome Man is a graduate of Grawood Christian Academy. He is a Liberal Arts major and plans to return to Louisiana to attend a university next year. Chris is a member of the SBA Election Committee, was a fall manager for the baseball team, and was an escort in the 1989 Homecoming Court.



Always available to his fellow students, Hal Land pauses on the campus to visit before going about his many duties as SBA President.

"Taking the Stairs to Success" might well be the motto of Connie and Hal.

Connie's easy smile and quiet manner might help explain her popularity among the students who elected her as Miss ECCC.

Caught in a relaxed moment, Connie and Hal had few such times among all the activities they were involved in for two years at EC.

Recognition from one's peers is the most gratifying kind of recognition a person can achieve, and the election to the honors of Mr. and Miss East Central Community College is the most coveted honor the student body can bestow on fellow students.

This year's Mr. and Miss East Central were especially notable because the contributions they made to life on the campus were done without "pomp and circumstance." Connie Myers and Hal Land are what athletic coaches call "Leaders by Example." Rather than talking about things which needed to be done or criticizing things which they did not like, Connie and Hal simply worked day by day to make East Central a great place to be a student.

Always ready with a smile and a warm greeting, the two exemplify all the qualities which the title Mr. and Miss East Central Community College suggests. They spent their two years on the campus being involved in activities of a wide variety from SBA activities to intramurals, dances, and academics.

A quick flip through the pages of this yearbook will reveal that truly Connie and Hal are deserving of this highest honor.

Connie Myers & Hal Land

Sophomore Class Favorites

Umeki Edwards
Stephanie Patrick
Kimberly Hobby

Bruce Mainka
Wert Spiva
Brian Senn
Joey Boykin

Freshman Class Favorites

Nicole Sanders
Kim Cashio
Pam Gilmer

Opie Ray
Greg Perry
Charlie Moorehead

Mr. Applegate (Derek Rogers) looks over the shoulder of Gloria the reporter (Stacy Radigan) as she prepares to interview the brilliant new baseball sensation.

Mr. Applegate transforms Joe Boyd (Brian Roland, right) into baseball phenomenon Joe Hardy (Philip Pope, left) as Boyd's wife (Tracy Weaver) innocently watches.

EC Players Present Major League Show

Damn Yankees

In spring a young man's fancy turns to baseball, and never has that fancy taken a more delightful turn than The EC Players' spring production of *Damn Yankees.*

The twenty-first production of the spring musical was presented April 4 - 7 to enthusiastic audiences. The show was under the direction of Bruce Peterson who was assisted by members of the music faculty.

Damn Yankees is the heartwarming tale, set to music, of a middle-aged man who is a great baseball fan and has always dreamed of being a baseball star and helping the Washington Senators beat the New York Yankees to win the pennant.

Utilizing the age-old story of "selling his soul to the devil," the musical follows Joe Boyd as he deals with the devil (Mr. Applegate) and his assistant (Lola) and realizes his dream of becoming a major league star.

The musical was written by Richard Adler and Jerry Ross in the mid-fifties and has been a perennial favorite of audiences ever since.

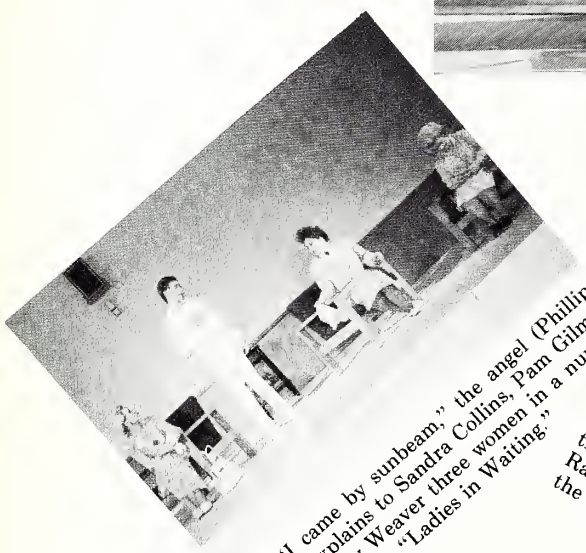
"This is a marvelous piece to work with," Peterson stated, "and this was a marvelous cast who worked hard to present a good show."

Fans Stephanie Gainey and Pam Gilmer give young Joe Hardy the adulation which he had dreamed would be a part of baseball stardom.

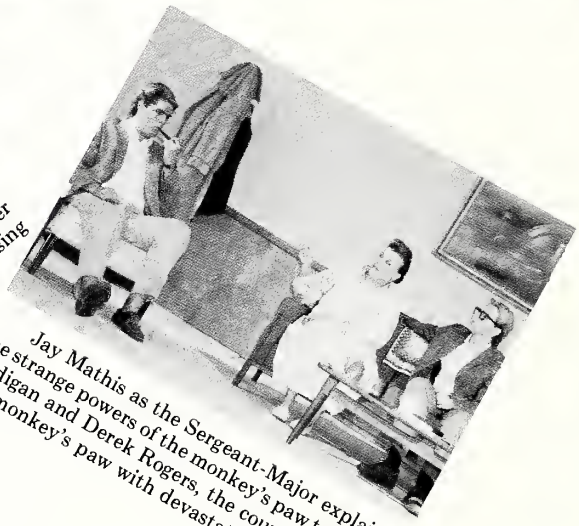
"Whatever Lola Wants, Lola Gets" is the name of the crowd pleasing number which devil's assistant Lola (Kimberly Hobby) sings to young Joe.

Damn Yankees cast members included: (Front) Jim Holder, Stacy Williamson, Kevin Hern, Rosetta Howard, Ronald Burton, Dawn Alexander, (Second Row) Jay Mathis, Kimberly Hobby, Philip Pope, Tracy Weaver; (Third Row) Jade French, Stacy Radigan, Derek Rogers, Stephanie Gainey, and Pam Gilmer

In "Boy Meets Family," Kay Vaughn played the mother, Tara Vandevender was the daughter, and Brent Fountain had the role of the father.



"I came by sunbeam," the angel (Phillip Pope) explains to Sandra Collins, Pam Gilmer and Tracey Weaver three women in a nursing home who are "Ladies in Waiting."



Jay Mathis as the Sergeant-Major explains the strange powers of the monkey's paw to Stacy Radigan and Derek Rogers, the couple who use the monkey's paw with devastating results.

Deanna McNair and Andy Hardy (standing, left) have deposited her mother at the nursing home in the care of Jade French (standing, right), along with other patients Rosetta Howard, Sandra Collins, Pam Gilmer and Tracey Weaver.

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Polly .....
Mr. Wombly ....
Mrs. Wombly ....
Ned .....
Vera .....
Mildred .....

THE MONKEY'S

Adapted by
Brainerd Duffield

Mr. White .....
Mrs. White .....
Helen .....
Sergeant-Major M
Mr. Ward .....

THE LADIES IN

Ovid Vickers

Flo .....
Cindy .....
Tom .....
Gert .....
Aunt Pet .....
Amanda .....
Miss Love .....
The Friend .....

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..... Kay Vaughn
..... Kevin Hearn
..... Lovie Kirkland
..... Dawn Alexander

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Art Display

EC Art Students
Directed by Bruce Guaredy

Music

Collegeians
Directed by Tom Carson

Fashion Squad

Directed by Alice Pouncey

Ushers

Modeling Class
Directed by Alice Pouncey

Host and Hostesses

SBA Officers
Warrior Corps
Directed by Gregg Jefcoat

CREWS

Publicity

Lafonda Steele
Tonya Moore
Bobbie Love
Donna Smith
Marie Henry

Lights-Set

Leonard Nelson
Brian Waddell
Jason Hisaw
Robbie Palmiari

Set-Up

Bobbie Love
Lafonda Steele
Tonya Moore
Marie Henry
Donna Smith
Sharon Burnside
Leonard Nelson
Eddie Woitt

Tickets

Kim Pierce
Teresa Monk
Sharon Burnside

Props

Donnie Montgomery
Emily Graham

Make-Up

Pam Johnson
Kerri Posey
Stephanie Gainey

Hairstyles by ECCC Cosmetology Department

Sophomore Donnie Montgomery and Duane Richardson, also a sophomore, formed the rhythm section of the Collegians.

The 89-90 version of the Collegians were comprised of: (kneeling) Leonard Nelson, Chris Little, Robbie Palmieri, Brent Warrent, Eddie Davenport; (second row) Donnie Montgomery, Scott Walker, Duane Richardson, Tara Vandevender, Meg Jones, Jana Fanning, Tammitha Worley, Charla McFarland, Jeffery Winstead, Jason Hisaw, David Shaw; (third row) Michael Roland, Brian Waddell, and Kevin Weeks.

Reputable Rockers

Female vocalists Meg Jones, Tammitha Worley, and Jana Fanning added to the physical appearance of the group as well as to the sound.

Freshman drummer Scott Walker backed up the Collegians like a pro.

Easily the most popular group on campus is the Collegians, a vocal-instrumental group which performs Top 40 Hits each year.

This year, the Collegians played to packed houses for both their fall and spring concerts, filling Huff Auditorium to capacity.

The Collegians worked even harder in 89-90 because at the end of the year they looked forward to performing at Disney World in late May.

Auditions for the Collegians are held early in the fall semester, and the positions are eagerly sought after by a large number of hopefuls. However, director Tom Carson has resisted the temptation to enlarge the group and has made the tough choices for membership in the Collegians.

Each year invitations pour in from high schools not only in the five-county area but from around the state. The group is forced to limit the number of performances so has to accept invitations on a first-come basis.

What will the nineties hold for this popular EC performing group? "More of the same," according to popular demand of the student body.

Keyboard specialist Tara Vandevender this year enjoyed her second year as a Collegian.

Kevin Weeks, Michael Roland, and Brian Waddell formed the male vocal aspect of the Collegians this year.

Warrior Band Counts the Measures

Director Thomas Carson and the East Central Warrior band continued their tradition of excellence during the 1989-90 school year.

While not the largest community college band in the state, the Warrior band has the reputation of being one of the best.

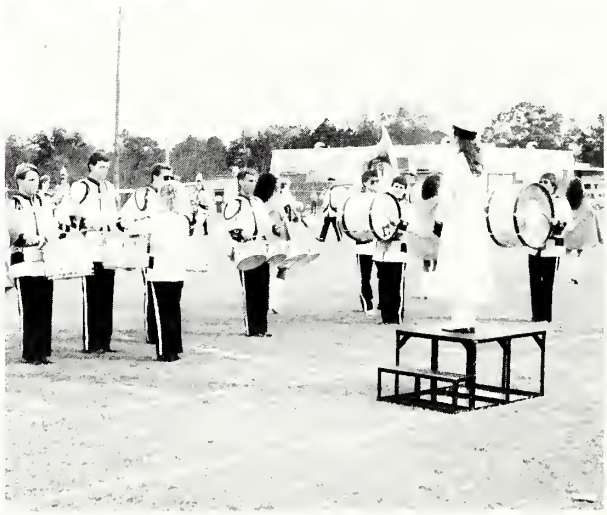
Beginning with a pre-school band camp, Mr. Carson, assisted by students who work with the Centralettes and flag corps, attempts to make being in the band an enjoyable experience, while at the same time adhering to strict standards of performance.

Proof the band's popularity lies in the fact that at almost every home game they received a spontaneous standing ovation from the crowd.

In addition to marching at every home game and some of the away games, the band this year marched in a number of Christmas parades in surrounding towns, lending support to the counties which support East Central.

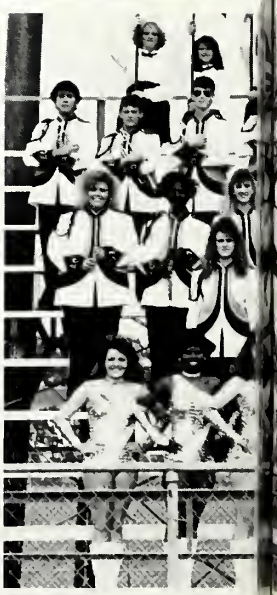
As East Central enters the decade of the nineties, The East Central Warrior band will undoubtedly continue to grow and build its reputation as a really fine band.

Members of the pep band which travelled to some away games gave support to the football team. Here David Shaw and Abraham Jones get in on the Warrior pep tune.



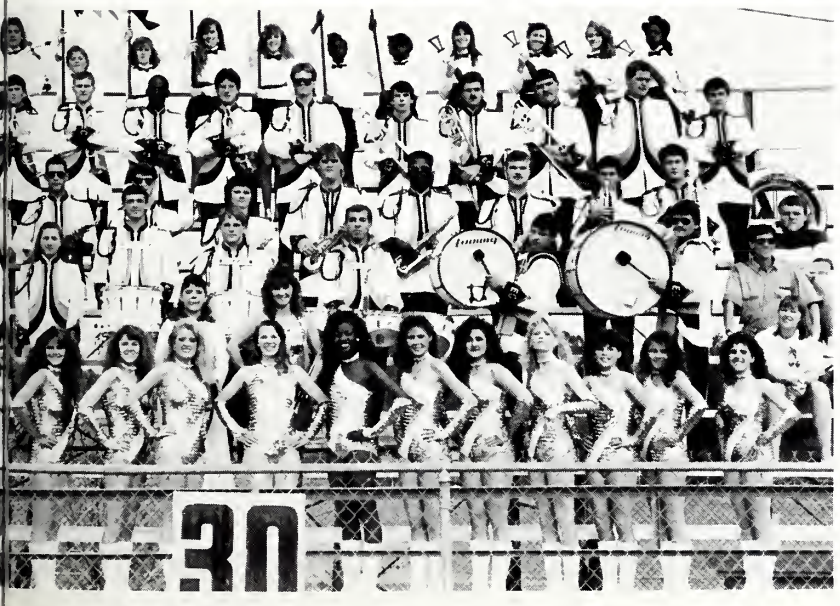
Kathy Fitzhugh, second year drum major, puts the band through its paces during a performance.

Director Carson plans strategy during a practice. Some practices saw the band sweltering in 100 degree temperatures.



Flute players Tara Swindle and Desire Smith attempt to match the overpowering sounds of the brass section.

Snare drummers Andy Hardy and Scott Walker get with the beat during the part of the show which featured the drum corps.



The wind catches the flags as the Warrior band poses for its 89-90 formal picture.

Centralettes Nicole Gibs, Marcy Fulton, and Tammy Robinson strutt their stuff during a halftime performance.

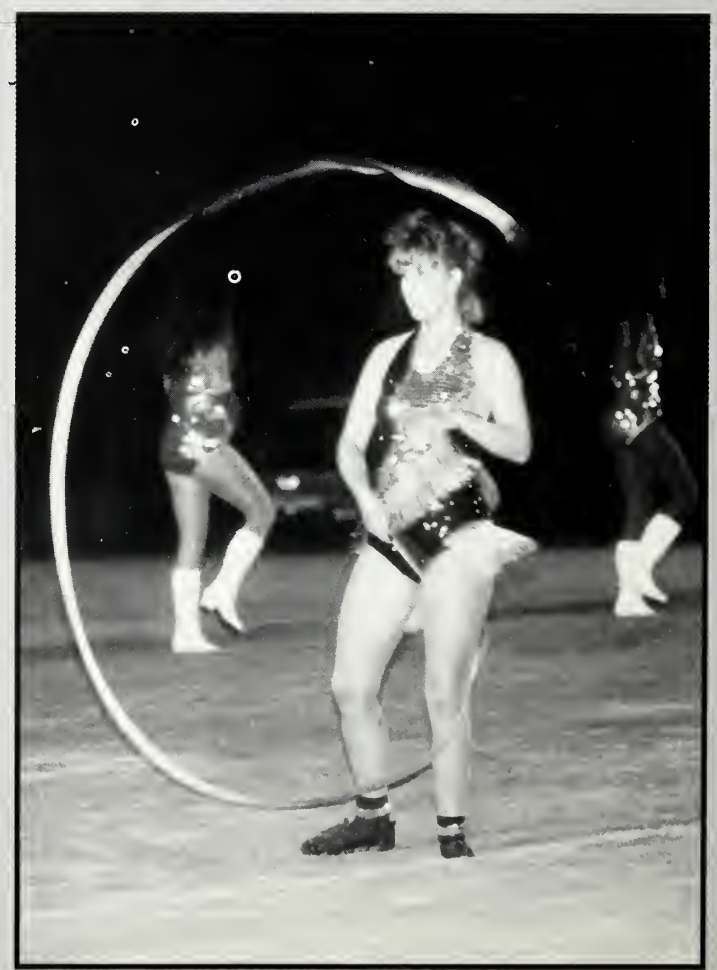
Bethany Jinkerson "gets technical" on her xylophone.

Tuba players Scott Lewis and Philip Pope party down during the drum feature.

After taking a short break after halftime, the band shows its support of the team by playing in the stands.

A major attraction at all of the pep rallies, the band plays the famous "Warrior" theme.

A new addition to the band this year, Karla Munn dazzles the crowd with her twirling routine.

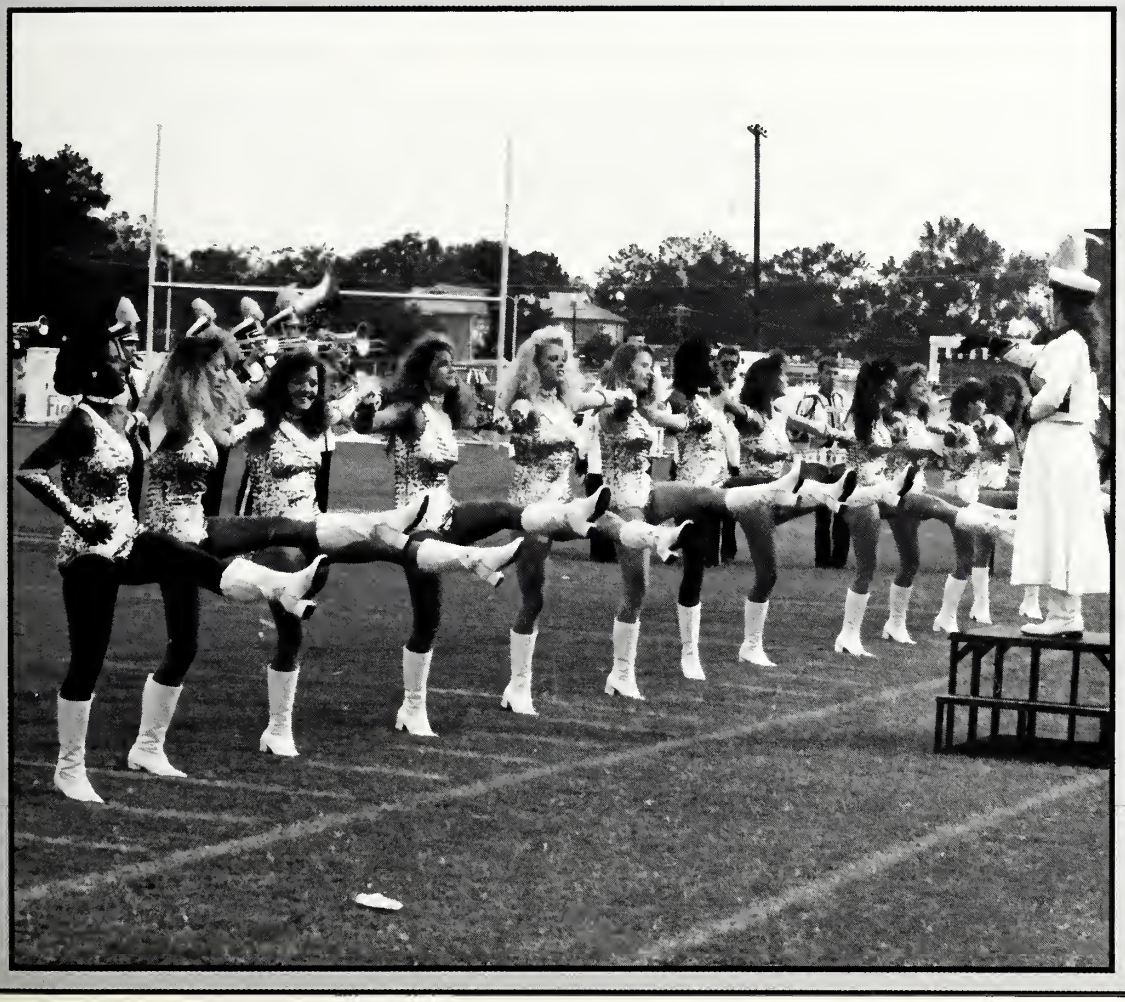


Band Generates Spirit

"I loved being a Centralette. I thought the hard work paid off in our performances."
Kim Wedgeworth

"Maximum performance with minimum problems - that's how I sum up the 89-90 year."
Thomas Carson

Assistant Captain Debbie Tidmore keeps an eye on the flag corps.



David Shaw entertains the crowd with his solo "Johnny's Mambo."

The Centralettes obviously enjoy their routine "Rockin Robin" under the watchful eye of the drum major.

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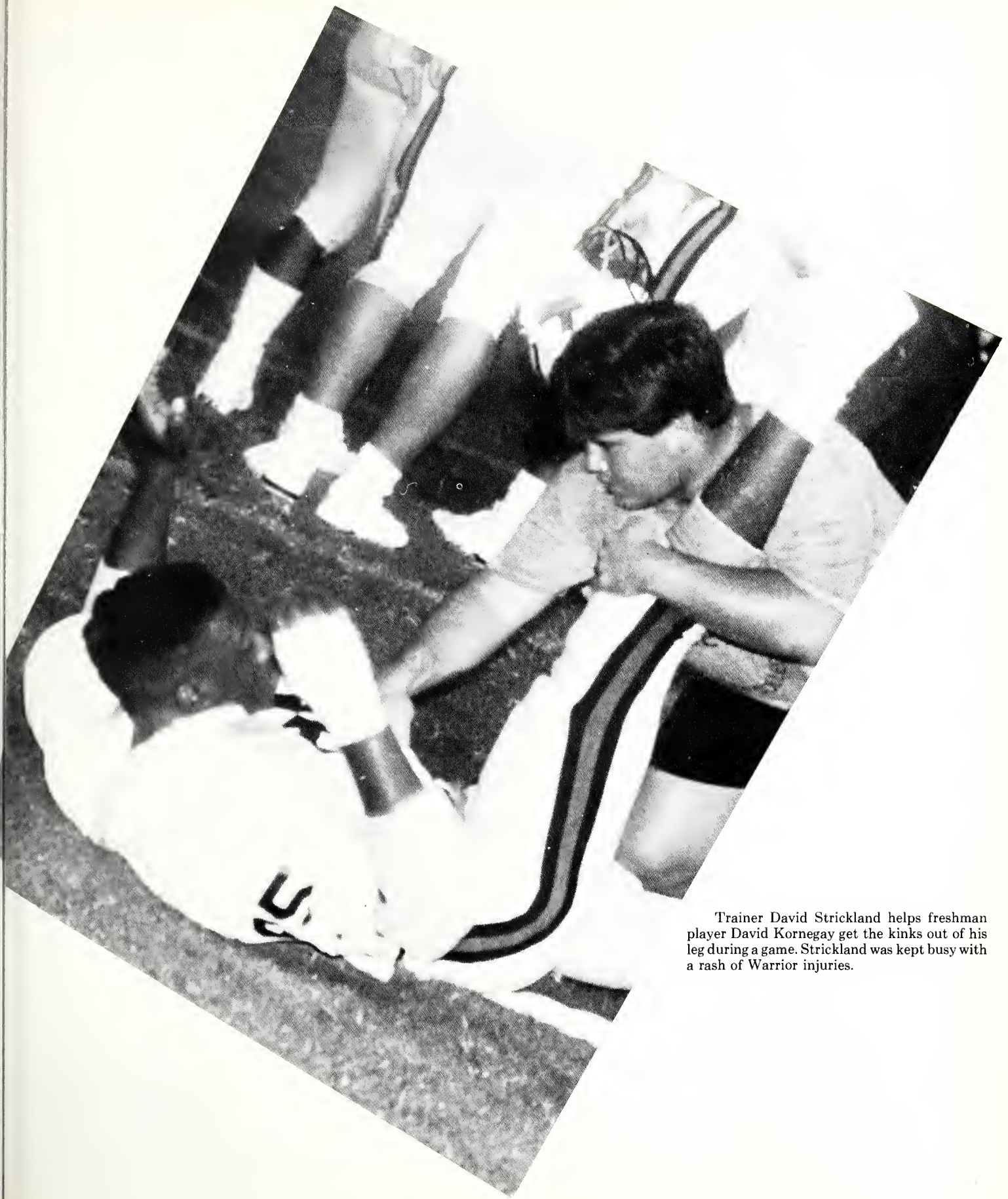
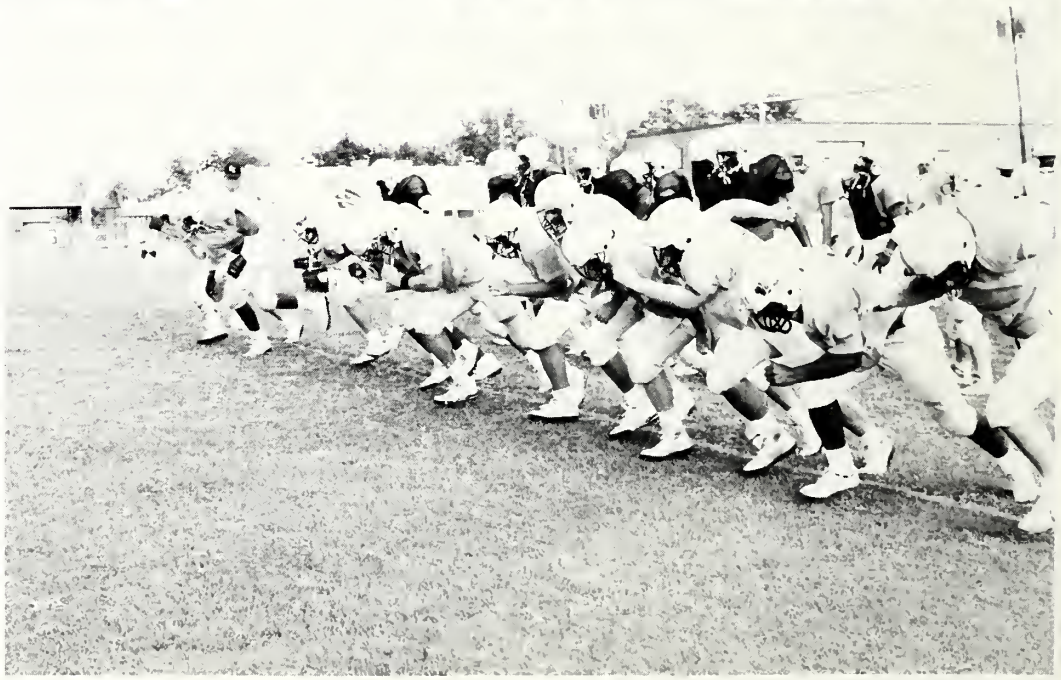


Trainer David Strickland helps freshman player David Kornegay get the kinks out of his leg during a game. Strickland was kept busy with a rash of Warrior injuries.

Coaches Triplett and Russell huddle with the Warrior defense during a timeout to plot strategy.

Conditioning is the key to staying in a game, and Warrior coaches emphasize conditioning. Here, offensive linemen do their windsprints after a long, hard practice as defensive linemen wait their turn.



Play by Play

Individual Warriors Excel

The 1989 football season might appear to be disappointing if only the won-loss record is considered. However, according to head coach A. J. Kilpatrick, this was a season which saw a number of outstanding individual accomplishments and a tremendous team spirit.

"I have never worked with a group of young men who had the attitude this group had," Kilpatrick stated. "They were almost like a family. They supported one another; they worked hard; and they never gave up. We were in every game we played right up to the end. The players refused to be intimidated, and a coach admires that in a team."

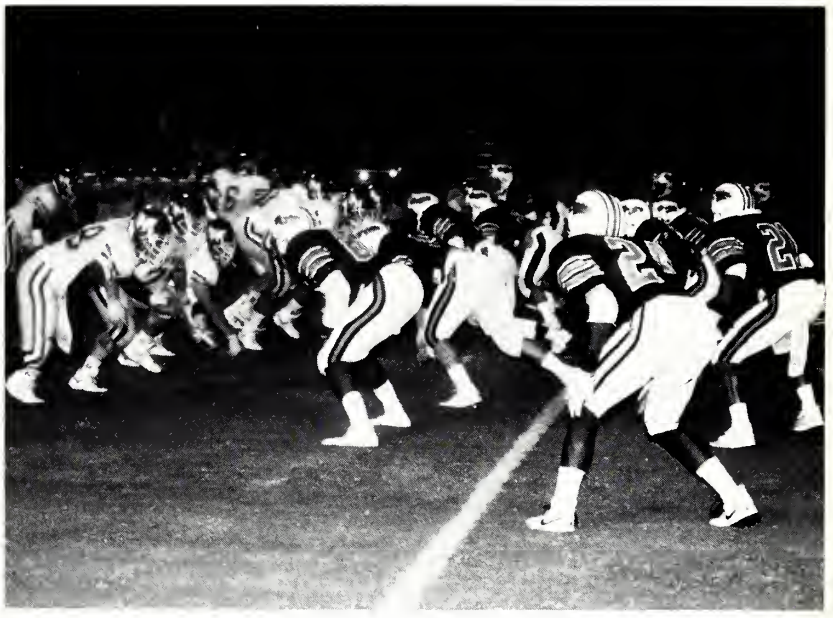
While hesitating to single out individual players, Kilpatrick pointed to the fact that three Warrior players were named to the All-State team, and three were listed on the Second Team All-State with ten players being listed on the Honorable Mention roster.

Those named to First Team All-State were Ronnie Williamson, Darnell Brown, and Lamont Byrd. Second Team All-Staters from East Central included Matt Rhodes, Arlando Daniels, and Felton Burroughs. Honorable Mention honors went to Ira McDowell, Anthony Clark, Wyatt Williams, Opie Ray, David Nichols, David Savell, Tony Kidd, Jimmy Brown, Shawn White, and Dynassus Buggs.

Ronnie Williamson, Darnell Brown, and Matt Rhodes also were named to the All-Star team and participated in the All-Star game in Tupelo on December 2, 1989.

It was an unusual year for Warrior football — unusual in that the Warriors are unaccustomed to ending up with a losing season and unusual in that despite a losing record a number of positive things happened.

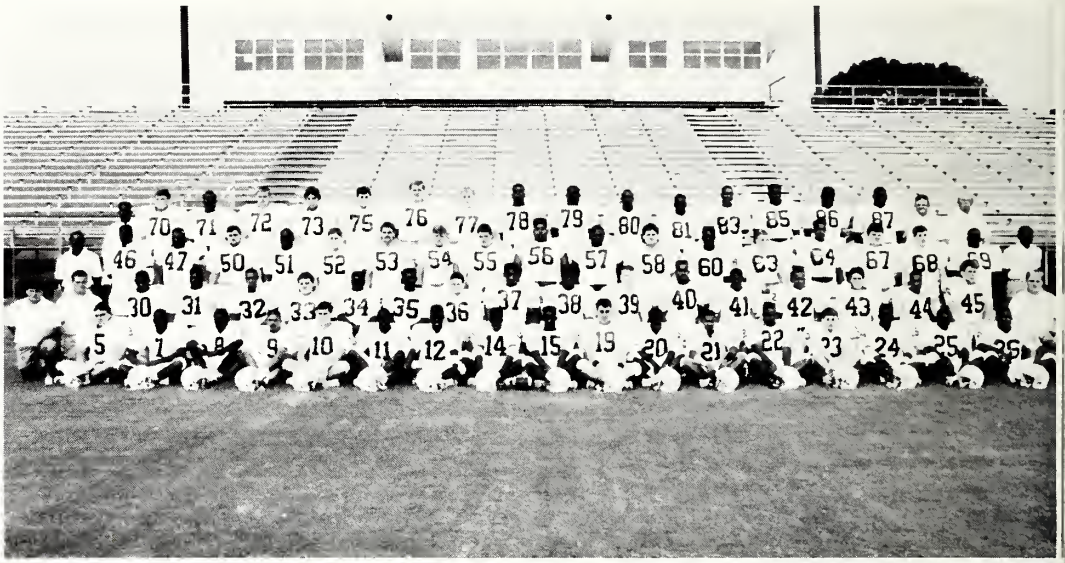
In years to come, it will be the positive things the players and fans remember — the sense of camaraderie among the players, the feeling of team spirit evident in every game, and the anticipation among the freshmen for a great year in the fall of 1990.



Felton Burroughs (foreground) and David Nichols (right) and other Warriors wait on defense for the snap of the ball.

Warrior standout Ronnie Williamson, a sophomore from Nanih Waiya, looks to the sideline for instructions as freshman Shawn White waits for the play to line up.

Members of the 1989 Warrior team included: (Front) Ronnie Williamson, Lamont Byrd, Sammie Holifield, Randell Moore, Sean Holdiness, Greg Fulton, John Davidson, Tony Kidd, Hayes Petty, Jimmy Nowell, Arlando Daniels, David Nichols, Ira McDowell, David Savell, Felton Burroughs, Darnell Brown, and Darrell Brantley; (Second Row) Managers David Strickland and Artie Foreman, Horace Louie, Caryle Mosley, Kevin Bell, Lee Stuart, Clyde Washington, Darnell Wheaton, Shawn Johnson, Amos Johnson, Mitchell Winton, Chad Harris, Scottie Pippin, Terry Bogan, Robert Taylor, Chris Hollingsworth, Bernard King, Keith McDonald, and statistician Wade Kennedy; (Third Row) Asst. Coach Tony Triplett, Anthony Walker, Wyatt Williams, Jason Walley, Isaac Lyons, Kenny Martin, Brent Bailey, Opie Ray, Jimmy Brown, Gary Grant, Larry McCoy, Cullen Scarbrough, Jimmy Slaughter, Sean Riley, Zederick Cistrunk, Greg Moore, Jamie Shepard, Dynassus Buggs, and manager Wert Spiva; (Fourth Row) Manager Alonzo Stargen, Kyle Wilkerson, Stacey Lampley, Chad Driskell, Michael Beasley, Jody Crenshaw, Kevin Lowery, Matt Rhodes, Paul Payne, Tim Jackson, Bruce Jordan, Chris Crowder, Kevin Kennedy, Bobby Kornegay, Larry Ickom, Anthony Clark, Asst. Coach John Russell and Head Coach A. J. Kilpatrick.



Members of the Warrior team line up on sidelines in preparation for the kickoff.

Center Jason Walley (#50) helps the referee signal a touchdown as Anthony Walker (#46) crosses the goal line.

Defensive Tackle Shawn White of Louisville blocks an opponent as Opie Ray (#54) and Wyatt Williams (#47) follow the play. All three players earned Honorable Mention All-State Honors.

Counting the Best

Individual Rushing Leader
Darnell Brown

Individual Passing Leader
Lamont Byrd

Individual Passing Receiving
Tony Kidd

Individual Scoring Leader
Tony Kidd

Individual Interception Leader
Felton Burroughs

Leader in Solo Tackles
Wyatt Williams

Leader in Tackle Assists
Jimmy Brown

Warrior Spirit Prevails

When Coach Jay Bowen took over the reins as Warrior basketball coach in the summer of 1989, he brought with him his attitude of hard work, positive outlook and sense of pride. His philosophy of coaching included an overall will to win along with a commitment to developing a team which could execute a fast-paced offense, an aggressive defense, and a total dedication to teamwork.

Although the 88-89 season has not been as successful as Coach Bowen and the team would have liked, everyone associated with the team became infected with the desire to improve both their individual performance and the team's performance.

"Returning to the basics of basketball" was the watchword of the early practices as the players, coming from widely diverse high school backgrounds, began molding themselves into a unit.

During each home game, Warrior fans sitting in the stands near the players' bench could hear Coach Bowen teaching the players on the bench even as the game continued. "Mental toughness, that's what we've got to develop," he could be heard repeating over and over. "We made three errors on that possession. You cannot do that and be a great team. It all comes back to that ability to think on the court."

With the determination of Coach Bowen and the promise of the returning freshmen in the fall of 1990, Warrior basketball promises to take on a new dimension.

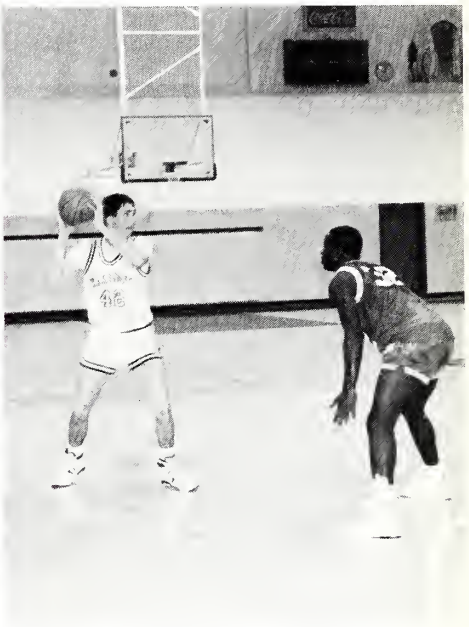
Guard Travis Watkins from Lake goes up for a dunk against the Jones Bobcats.

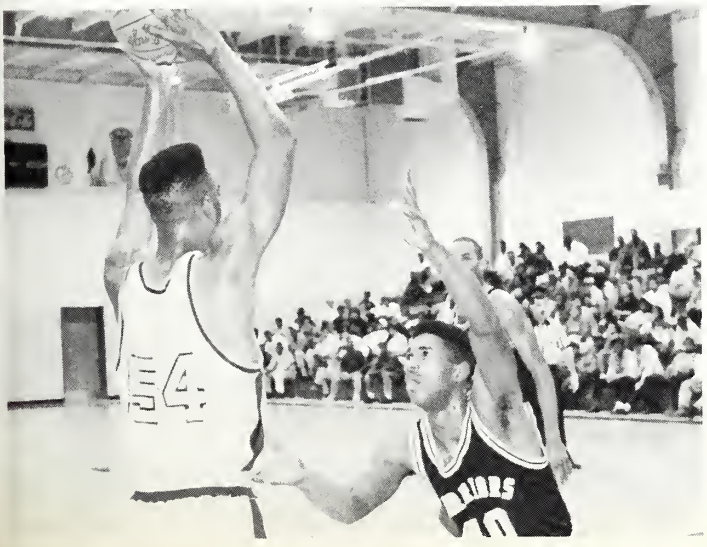
Posing for an official photo at the beginning of the season are: (Front) Randy Stokes, Kevin Young, Mark Gates, Michael James, Tyrone Stowers, Jason Young, Charlie Donnerson; (Back) Coach Jay Bowen, Eric Mayes, Stephen Gainey, Tyrone Bender, Travis Watkins, Terry Thames, and managers Gerald Triplett and Jimbo Edwards.

Tyrone Bender receives instructions from Coach Bowen before returning to the game as other Warriors look on.

Vying for the rebound, Tyrone Stowers, a forward from Scott Central, and Michael James, a center from Gary, Indiana, go up for the ball.

Mark Gates, forward, looks for an opening under the basket before deciding to drive for the goal.





No. 40 Charlie Donnerson defenses an opponent in the corner as Michael James watches.

Lady Warriors Cop State Runner-Up Title

The sign on the gym wall gives the right instructions to Shea Oakley, a freshman from Louisville, as she goes to the free throw line. Sadie Triplett (31) and Umeki Edwards (at right) prepare to follow the ball.

A group of Warriors (in dark uniforms) vie for the ball. No. 15 Sadie Triplett manages to tie up the ball, resulting in a "held ball" call by the referee.

Center Ursela Lowe gets the opening tipoff as Kathy McDougle (left) and Umeki Edwards (#10) prepare to break for the goal.

Every Basket Counts

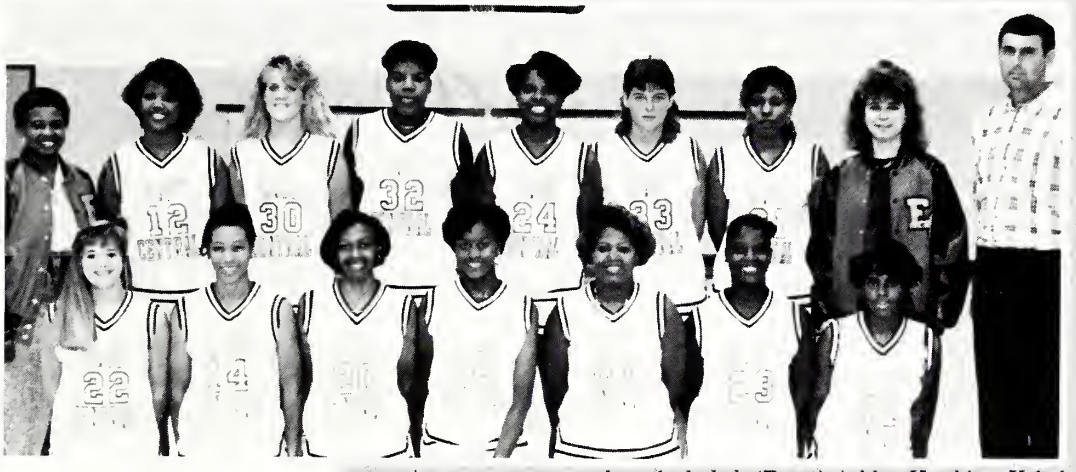
Coming off a highly successful season in 88-89, Coach Sammy Pace's Lady Warriors set equally high goals for themselves in 89-90.

"This has been a good team to work with," Coach Pace commented. "They have worked hard and have maintained their enthusiasm, something that is difficult to do over the long haul."

Finishing the season with an impressive 19-4 record, the Lady Warriors reached a national ranking of No. 7 and were runners up in the State Community College Championship Tournament, losing to Northeast in the finals. They then progressed to the Regional Tournaments.

Playing with only two sophomores, the Lady Warriors' only loss of the first semester came against Jones in an overtime. The other losses were to Co-Lin, once in regular season play and once in South State Tournament, and to Northeast in the State Finals.

"I'm proud of the fact that my three sophomores (One soph. didn't play last year) all are in line to graduate, Coach Pace commented. "I like to think that we emphasize academics as well as athletic."



A preseason team photo included: (Front) Ashley Hawkins, Kristi Hollin, Tonya Stowers, Umeki Edwards, Beverly Weir, Jackie Gladney, (Back) Victoria Banks, Carolyn Boatman, Lisa Stevenson, Ursela Lowe, Paula Nash, Shea Oakley, Sadie Triplett, Diana Davidson, and Coach Sammy Pace.

Warrior baseballers John Powers, Jamie Champion, and Greg Perry stretch out the kinks after a hard practice.

Serving as Diamond Girls for the 1989-90 Warrior team were: (Front) Nicole Sanders, Heather Weidler, Kim Alford, Sandra Collins, Kristi Patrick, Karen Valentin, Chris Ponomorenko, Paula Carter, Kim Cashio; (Back) Wendy Gray, Martie Brewer, Rhonda Lawrence, Heather Sharp, Michalle Everett, Amy Cumberland, Pam Gilmer, Jodie Hill, Michelle Lawrence, and Missy Smith.

Sophomore catcher Scott Allen makes the tag at the plate for the final out.

Warriors Swing Into Action

Going into the 1989 fall practice, Coach Jamie Clark felt confident that this would be a good year for the Warrior baseball team.

At the end of fall practice, the team had accomplished a 9-3 record and entered the winter training program with enthusiasm. "Physically, this year's team is much stronger than the last couple of years," Clark stated.

The nucleus of this year's team was composed of returning starters Scott Allen (Catcher), Eric Davis (First Base), Scott Fulcher (Second Base), Jimbo Patterson (Shortstop), Donald Culberson (Pitcher), Brian Senn (Pitcher), and David Hubbard (Pitcher).

A forty-nine game schedule faced the Warriors in the spring. With the improved facilities and lights which were installed last year, the heavy schedule can be accomplished by largely playing afternoon-evening doubleheaders.

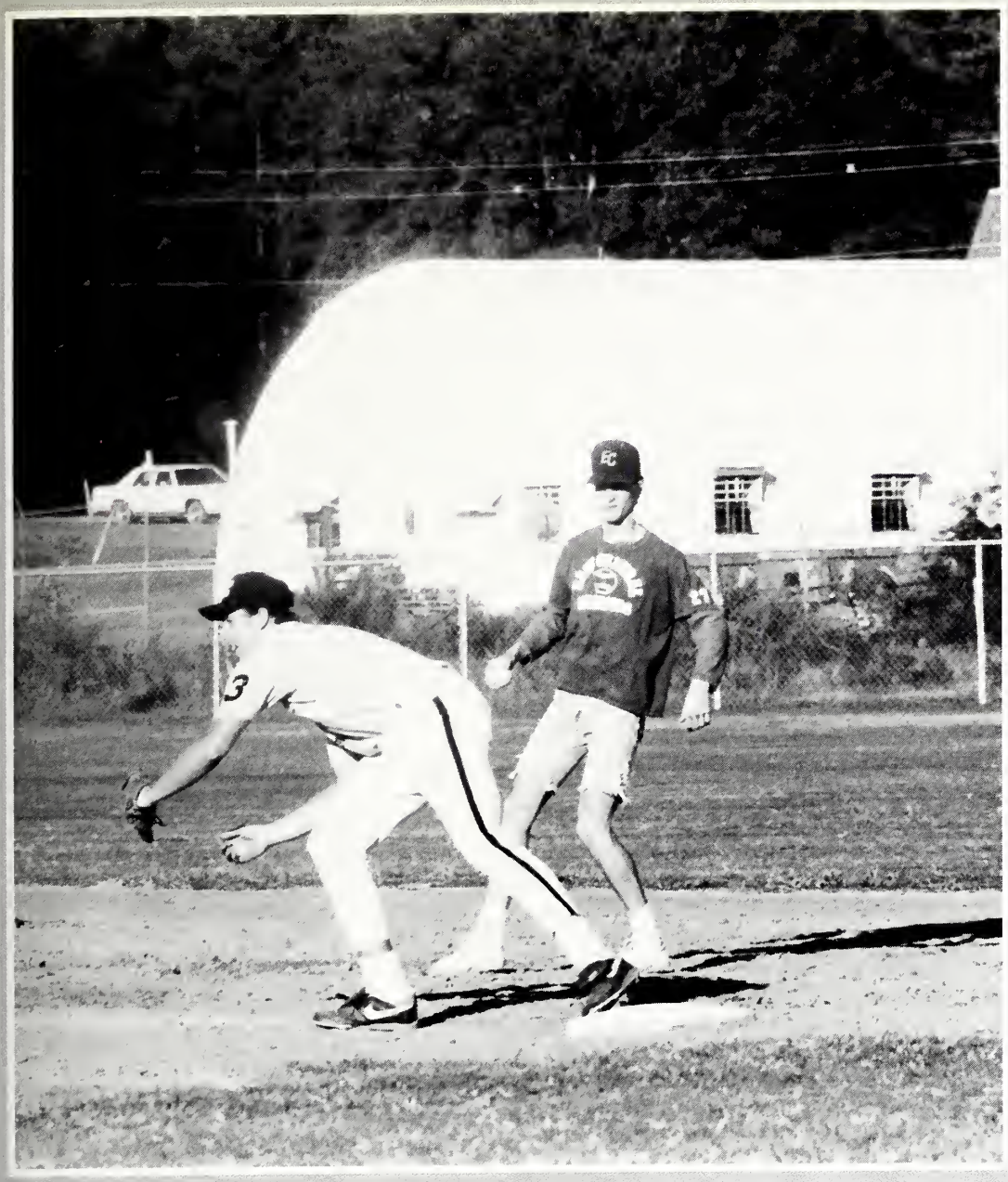
"This group of guys truly defines the term 'student athlete,' as they are students first, athletes second."

Jamie Clark

Readying himself for action at the plate, Steven Burleigh, a freshman player from Louisiana, takes a practice swing.

Going to bat for the Warriors this year were: (front) Mike Chambliss, Scott Allen, Keith Joyner, Wendell Whitehead, Randy Bishop, Cliff Moncrief, Scott Fulcher, Jimbo Patterson, Jeff Thomas; (second row) Hugh Vanlandingham, Clay Courville, Scott Hines, Brian Senn, Joey Boykin, Greg Perry, Jon Powers; (third row) Derek Rogers, Donald Culberson, Larod Odom, Eric Davis, Brian Jones, Jeff Crocker, David Hubbard, Steven Burleigh, Anthony White, and David Luke.

Scott Hines, John Powers, Greg Perry, Anthony White, Clay Courville, and Michael Chambliss watch from the dugout as an intrasquad game progresses.



Intrasquad action can become as competitive as a real game. Here Eric Davis, a freshman, waits for the throw from second as fellow teammate Brian See acts as umpire.

Acting as team captains are: Brian Senn, Scott Fulcher, and Joey Boykin.

Feb.	19	Clarke (T)	Mar.	31	Jones (H)
Feb.	24	Holmes (H)	Apr.	3	Gulf Coast (T)
Feb.	28	Clarke (H)	Apr.	7	Pearl River (H)
Mar.	1	Holmes (H)	Apr.	9	East Miss. (H)
Mar.	3	G. Wallace (T)	Apr.	11	Co-Lin (H)
Mar.	6	Pearl River (T)	Apr.	14	Holmes (T)
Mar.	10	Co-Lin (T)	Apr.	17	Southwest (H)
Mar.	16	Three-Rivers (H)	Apr.	20	Lolola (H)
Mar.	17	Three-Rivers (H)	Apr.	21	Lolola (H)
Mar.	20	Southwest (T)	Apr.	23	Holmes (H)
Mar.	23	G. Wallace (H)	Apr.	25	Hinds (H)
Mar.	24	G. Wallace (H)	Apr.	28	Jones (T)
Mar.	26	East Miss. (T)	May	1	Gulf Coast (H)
Mar.	28	Hinds (T)			

Football cheerleaders, along with mascot Megan Bailey, give cheers an added "boost" with their pyramids.

How Is EC Spirit Raised? ...

Leading cheers at basketball games this year were: (Kneeling) Eunice Morgan, Nicole Sanders, Lovie Kirkland, Kim Hobby, Dana Killen; (Standing) Opie Ray, John King, Charlie Moorehead, Steve Tucker, and Jay Carpenter.

Cheerleaders Kristie Patrick and Kim Alford participate in the "do-rag" pep rally.

John King shouts for the touchdown, as he did at all the games this year.

The basketball cheerleaders seem to be sending up a silent prayer for victory.

Members of the football cheerleading squad for the fall of 1989 were: (Front) Kim Alford, Michelle Mitchell, Amy Cumberland, Dana Killen; (Back) John King, Kim Hobby, Le Ann Allen, Michele Everett, Kristie Patrick, and Charlie Moorehead.

Warrior Cheerleaders Make It Happen

To the casual observer, the job of cheerleader seems to be an easy one. After all, they just stand out there, lead a few cheers, and have a good time. Right?

Wrong! According to sponsor Leesa Lee and members of the cheering squad, being a cheerleader is 90% work and preparation and only 10% "out front" exposure.

For every cheer that spectators see the cheerleaders do, hours of hard work have been spent.

The cheerleaders are chosen in the spring and work during the summer to begin getting ready for the opening pep rally the first week of school. The week prior to the opening of school, they work fulltime to make sure they are prepared.

There are actually two cheerleading squads at East Central. One leads cheers for the football season; then a second group takes over for the basketball season. It is possible for a squad member to be in both groups, but some feel that committing to both seasons takes too heavy a toll on their time and energy.

In a tight game, or when the team needs a little boost, this year as in the past, the EC cheerleaders can be counted on to "make it happen."

Charlie Moorhead, EC's resident gymnast, balances precariously over his supporters.

EC cheerleaders raise more than the crowd's spirits at pep rallies.

Freshman football cheerleader Michelle Mitchell's tense expression in a game reflects the intense interest the cheerleaders take in what's happening on the field.

A main attraction at pep rallies was Dana Killen's gymnastic abilities as she "flipped for the Warriors."

John King holds Dana steady while everyone else holds their breath.

Tony Kidd, a member of the "Coast to Coast" team, attempts a free throw as action gains momentum in one of many intramural basketball games.

Members of the three-on-three championship team included: (Kneeling) Corey Hardin; Timothy Wragg, Roger Bloodsaw, Travis Love, and Bruce Jordan.

Hot Times in the Old Gym

A total of 650 team members participated in intramural at EC in 89-90. These students were members of thirteen football teams, eleven basketball teams, six volleyball teams, and ten softball teams. These teams competed for championships in men's, women's, and coed categories.

This year, basketball play was divided into three-on-three teams as well as regulation five-man teams. A and B Leagues were organized to allow for different levels of competition so that any student could feel comfortable on a team.

In addition to team sports, individual competition in pingpong and eight-ball are also held.

Mike Anderson, Director of the Activities Center, uses student workers to help referee the dozens of games which are played each year. When asked what the most popular intramural sport is at EC, Anderson replied that it was probably softball because it is played in the spring when everyone wants to be outside.

Also, softball doesn't require high levels of skill so that more people can compete.

The purpose of the intramural program is to enhance both physical and social aspects of college life through friendly competition. Every student who participates probably agrees that it achieves that goal.

Coast-to-Coast player Roger Bloodsaw defenses Timothy Wragg while Bruce Jordan (23) and Anthony Clark position themselves on offense. These players were just four among the approximately 100 players who participated in intramural basketball in 89-90

"I enjoy seeing the students enjoying intramural. Sometimes, it gets a little frustrating, and sometimes they don't agree with all my decisions. But from the number of students who are here every day, I think the program is serving its purpose well."

Mike Anderson

Bruce Jordan (23), Roger Bloodsaw (21) and Wayne Windham (15) advance toward the play as action becomes fierce in a game between Coast-to-Coast and Puclic Enemy.

Angel Posey, Kerry Gilmer, and Bruce Mainka take a breather between plays at a flag football game.

John Lockett gets the pass off to Shan Carpenter, just before his flag is snatched.

Joey Boykin, quarterback, looks for the open man in the final minutes of a close game.

Connie Myers, Sherri Rasco, Eddie Woit receive instructions from Jimmy McKee for the next crucial play.

Eddie Woit makes a grab at Bruce Mainka's flag after Randy Barrett took a fall on the attempt.

Almost the Real Thing

With such intriguing names as "Knock 'Em Off the Block," "Dream Team" and "NWA," the thirteen flag football teams embarked on a fast-paced season in the fall of 1989.

Each afternoon, when the last class was over, students converged on the intramural field where they went head to head in "friendly" competition.

"Sometimes it got a little heated," one team member remembered. "Everybody wanted to win."

At the end of the season, "Knock 'Em Off the Block" had won the men's division, with "Dream Team" taking the coed championship.

The scene at a typical flag football game is replayed on campuses across the country each fall: spectators sitting on the back of cars, radios blaring, as they watch roommates and friends playing.

On the field, perspiration stands out as the intensity of the games increases by the moment. Usually, the winning team can be seen returning to supper on the back of pickup truck, tired and hungry but ready to go back the next day to defend their record.

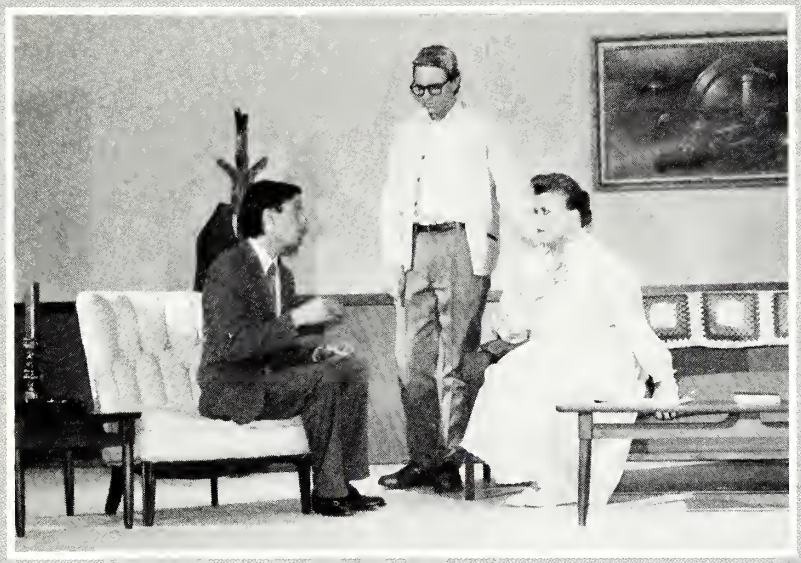
An unidentified flag football player leaps high for the ball, demonstrating the intensity students exhibit in the games.

Holding You Accountable

Freshman Ira McDowell and a group of his friends absorb themselves in an algebra class. Academics form the foundation of all that happens at East Central.

Who's Who Member Stephanie Patrick shows the spirit of those selected for this high honor by helping freshman Stephen Burleigh with a homework assignment.

Participation in campus activities is a prerequisite for inclusion in Who's Who, and Brian Roland and Derek Rogers are heavily involved in all the EC Players' projects including their parts in "The Monkey's Paw."



The 1989-90 Class of Who's Who in American Junior Colleges included: (Front) Bruce Mainka, Kimberly Hobby, Marsha Hall, Karen Valentine, Johnny Beaver, Lisa Hatcher, Joyce Luke, Dana Gressett, Michelle Lawrence, and Connie Myers; (Second Row) Brian Roland, Ben Guthrie, Stella Dickerson, Heather Weidler, Umeki Edwards, Diana Davidson, Stephanie Patrick, Duane Richardson, Phillip Pope; (Third Row) B. J. Hailey, Derek Rogers, Janet Bullard, Reed Kilpatrick, Alan Ezelle, JohnKing, Hal Land, Wert Spiva, Joey Wilcher, William Adams, and Glen Harrison. Those not pictured are: Candie Beckham, Joey Boykin, Christopher Chickaway, Linzie Dorris, Jimbo Patterson, Pam Sistrunk, Kathy Smith, and Tara Vandevender.

Who's Who in American Junior Colleges

Late in the fall of each school year, a select group of East Central students receive a special letter informing them that they have been tapped for membership in "Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges." This year thirty-eight students from East Central were named to this distinguished list.

Students who are chosen for membership in Who's Who are those who show leadership capabilities as well as academic achievement. Selected by the Scholarship Committee composed of representative faculty and administrators, the list this year includes students who were instrumental in organizing campus activities, those who contributed to athletics and cheerleading, those who assisted in college plays and publications, in other words those students who generally enhanced the quality of life on the campus.

Dr. Phil Sutphin, Dean of Students, who is in charge of coordinating the selections commented, "Each of these students is a high quality individual. It is a genuine pleasure to recognize students who exhibit both academic and citizenship criteria."

Enjoying a dance in the old gym, Wert Spiva of Noxapater shows that Who's Who students can have fun as well as study.

One of the most active students on campus this year, John King was a football cheerleader and a member of the Warrior Corps of which he was President.

Hal Land (back to camera) and Bruce Mainka found time to play coed intramural football in addition to all their other activities on campus this year.

Legislators Count the Best Achievers Honored

February 13, 1990, was a very special day for a veteran East Central instructor and a Decatur "housewife-turned-student." On that day, instructor Lucille Wood and sophomore Joyce Luke joined faculty and students from other community colleges and universities in the state as they were honored by the Governor and the Mississippi Legislature.

The Higher Education Awareness Day: Working for Academic Excellence (HEADWAE) Program was begun three years ago to recognize outstanding students and faculty in the state and to place emphasis on the academic aspect of education. This year's honorees from East Central were certainly deserving of the honor since both have outstanding records of encouraging academic excellence.

Miss Wood, who was chosen for this honor by the group of students who were nominated for Outstanding Student, has been a member of the faculty since 1956. She carved a name for herself as a pioneer in the field of women's basketball in the junior colleges of Mississippi.

Her teams included two overall State Championships as a club team and two as Miss. Junior College Association Champs, three Division Championships, and six trips to regional tournaments.

Even while coaching, Miss Wood emphasized the importance of academics, and her players went on to excel in universities and later to take positions of prominence in their chosen professions.

In 1985, Miss Wood decided to retire from coaching and devote herself to full time teaching. In recognition of her contributions to the college, the gymnasium was named in her honor (along with basketball great Denver Brackeen).

Miss Wood currently serves as Region 23 Representative to the National Junior College Athletic Association. She is Chairman of National Slow-Pitch Softball and serves on the National Basketball Poll.

This year's student, selected by faculty vote, is a non-traditional student. She is the wife of an insurance executive and the mother of three children. In 1988, Joyce Luke decided to return to school after being out for "more years than I want to admit." Her decision was supported by both her husband and children who have had to learn to cope with some meals, homework, and laundry without Mom's help.

Since enrolling at East Central, Joyce has maintained a 4.0 average and has been active in the Student Education Association and Phi Theta Kappa. She was named to "Who's Who Among American Junior College Students."

Next year, Joyce will be enrolled in the School of Library Science at the University of Southern Mississippi and then plans to return to the schools of Newton County, hopefully as a children's librarian.

Joyce has developed an interest in telling children's stories and has attended several conferences on storytelling. One of her contributions to the community has been to visit the local elementary school to tell stories to the children on special occasions such as Halloween.

Joyce is a member of the Decatur United Methodist Church where she is a soloist with the chancel choir.

Her love of learning is evident by the radiant smile with which she greets teachers and fellow students alike and from the enthusiasm with which she participates in classes and completes assignments.

Instructor Lucille Wood and student Joyce Luke share a number of things in common, the most important being a love of learning.

Lucille Wood
Outstanding
Faculty Member

Joyce Luke
Outstanding
Student

East Central Hall of Fame "EC's Finest"

Christopher Ross Chickaway

An outstanding student in the Video Technology Program, Chris Chickaway is an excellent example of how determination can pay off in success. While a student, Chris worked full time at a Philadelphia cable TV station and after graduating at mid-term accepted the position of production manager for advertising at the station. He maintained an average of 3.958 in a curriculum of 72 hours and received the Outstanding Student in Viedo Technology Award. He is a member of Who's Who in American Junior Colleges. In the words of his instructor, "Chris exemplifies what can be accomplished through hard work and exceptional motivation."

Marsha Lucinda Hall

"She is just a very fine person and student." This statement from one person who nominated Cindy Hall sums up the feeling students and faculty have about her. In addition to her exemplary GPA, Cindy has been active in a great number of campus groups. Sitting in first chair flute in the band, she was also captain of the rifle team, a member of the Scholar's Bowl Team, Phi Theta Kappa, Mu Alpha Theta, Student Education Association, and the President's Council. Cindy received the Frank Leatherwood Memorial Scholarship at the end of her freshman year, served as President of the Choir and was selected to Who's Who in American Junior Colleges.

Hal Owen Land

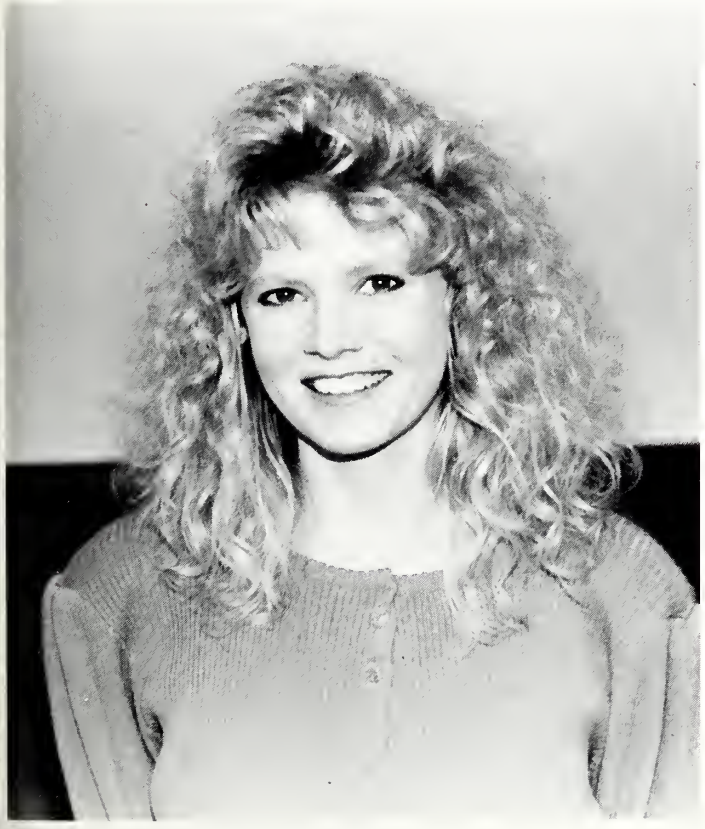
Possibly the busiest man on campus this year, Hal Land "added an extra dimension to the campus" while serving as President of the Student Body Association. In addition to the demanding job of SBA President, Hal has served as President of the President's Council and has been a member of the Warrior Corps, Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, Absentee Appeals Committee, Election Committee, Curriculum Committee, and Self-Study Committee. Even with this busy schedule, he found time to participate in intramural sports. Hal was tapped for Who's Who in American Junior Colleges, and as a tribute to the high esteem in which he is held by his fellow students, he was selected by the student body as Mr. East Central Community College for 1989-90.

Joyce Payne Luke

As the mother of three children and wife to an insurance executive, returning to school was not easy for Joyce Luke. However, when she made the decision to go to college, she also made the decision to not just go to class but to become involved in campus activities. While maintaining a perfect 4.0 GPA, Joyce was a member of the Student Education Association, Phi Theta Kappa, and Who's Who in American Junior Colleges. She was instrumental in organizing a support group for nontraditional students and was chosen as the group's first President. In the words of a faculty member who nominated Joyce for Hall of Fame, "She deserves to be honored as a role model for other older students . . ." As the culmination of Joyce's schooling at East Central, she was selected by faculty members at East Central's at the annual HEADWAE Program.

Connie Michelle Myers

Connie Myers has been a busy young lady during her two years at East Central. Serving as President of Phi Theta Kappa for 89-90, a position which demanded a great deal of time, she also found time to be a member of the Scholar's Bowl Team, Mu Slpha Theta, Student Education Association, the Election Committee, and the President's Council. She was accorded the highest honor bestowed on a student by her fellow students when she was chosen as Miss East Central Community College. She represented the college as a member of the Warrior Corps and assisted other students as a tutor. She was recognized for her accomplishments by being chosen to Who's Who in American Junior Colleges. "Not only is she intelligent; she is dedicated and conscientious," was the way one faculty nomination described Connie.



Heather Ashley Weidler

Heather Weidler wore many hats during her time at East Central. As Editor of the yearbook for two years, she assumed responsibilities not ordinarily taken on by students. The results were an award-winning book. While doing this, Heather also was a Centralette for both years, a member of Mu Alpha Theta, Warrior Corps, Diamond Girls, Scholar's Bowl Team, Who's Who in American Junior Colleges, and the cast of CINDERELLA. During her sophomore year, Heather was chosen to be a Sophomore Maid in the Homecoming Court and was selected by the judges as East Central's Most Beautiful Girl for 1989-90. One of her nominations for Hall of Fame stated, "Heather has the rare ability to be extremely creative while at the same time being practical. She can shoulder adult responsibilities while participating in a great number of student activities."

Vocationally Accountable

Of East Central's total student body, approximately one-third are enrolled in either a vocational or technical program. During the 1989-90 school year, the college operated nine vocational and five technical programs on the campus with another six vocational programs at the Philadelphia-Neshoba County Vocational Center.

The major purpose of these programs is to provide students with skills which will enable them to go directly into jobs upon graduation from East Central. As industry changes and technology develops, East Central's vocational-technical programs change to meet the needs.

A good example of this is seen in the development of an AMT (automated manufacturing technology) program which will open in the fall of 1990. This new program, which will be either an AA Degree or a Certificate program, depending on the student's goals, will involve extensive training in the use of robotics.

Another example of East Central's ability to change to meet the needs of industry is the phasing out of the traditional welding program and the machine shop program to make way for metal fabrication technology and precision machining technology, both of which will involve a great deal of automated equipment.

According to O.L. Newell, Director of Vocational-Technical Instruction, East Central can have specific training programs in place for an industry within weeks of the need being identified by an industry. A case in point was the BonHomme Manufacturing Corp. which requested training for its employees on December 1. East Central had the training program in place before the end of December.

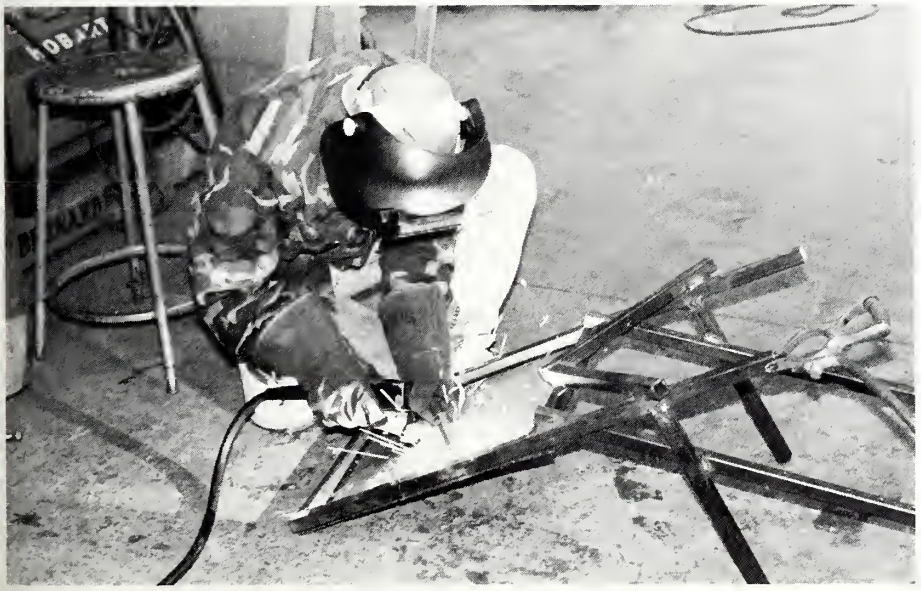
"As industry continues to change, we will change to meet their needs," Newell stated. "In my opinion, the next ten years will see major changes in our programs as new technology is developed."

Electrical student Maurice Baxtrum practices wiring a residential wiring box.

Finis Evans and Robert Williams, two students in the electrical program, work to install electrical conduit at the Newton County Dairy Show Barn, a community service project by the class.

Christie Wallace apparently cannot believe what friend and fellow cosmetology student Melissa Pryor has done to her hair. Actually, it is just a frost job, a routine job for cosmetology students.

A new tree stand will soon take shape for welding student Samuel Harris who was making the stand as a class project.



Learning good techniques of child care is the objective of Doris Bell, Debbie Tidmore, and Katie Dennis.

Exam Week: Increasing the GPA

The most hectic week of the semester by far is Exam Week. All research papers, projects, book reports, and essays are in, and every student hopes that by doing really well on the final exam he or she can get that A instead of the B or the C instead of the D.

A letter grade higher will certainly help the ole Grade Point Average and hopefully convince the parents that the entire semester has not been wasted in partying and playing flag football.

Examinations at East Central vary from instructor to instructor with some giving comprehensive exams and others opting for unit exams. Whatever the case, more study goes on during that week than probably any other week of the semester.

Where and how do East Central students prepare for exams? An informal check revealed that the most popular place to study is the dormitory room with a radio playing. "It drowns out any distractions," one student said. "The music relaxes me," another said.

The library is the second most popular place to prepare for exams, as students seek a quiet atmosphere to concentrate. The small conference rooms are filled to capacity with two, three, or four students all getting ready for the same exam. "I definitely study better with someone else," a sophomore girl with a 3.0 average avowed. "No, not me," said her friend. "I have to have solitude."

The midnight breakfast provided by the college during exam week gave the extra energy needed by Jana Fanning and Scott Walker.

A sunny spot on the East Mall is the perfect place for some serious studying for freshmen Penny Melton and Wanda Breedlove.

Dean Blount of Decatur and Reed Kilpatrick of Philadelphia find that the Student Center is a good place to cram.

Sophomores Chris White and Chad Harris dig into the physics one last time before going to the exam.

"I should be asleep the night before my English exam," Mitch Winton commented to friend Cory Hardin at the midnight breakfast.

Getting Involved

Tuba players Scott Lewis and Phillip Pope liven up the band show with a little Caribbean Holiday, complete with sandy beach and root beer.

Leaders of the Student Body Association are: Hal Land, President; Karen Valentine, Secretary; Jimbo Patterson, Treasurer; and B. J. Hailey, Vice-President.

VICA Club Officers include: Jimmy McElhenney, Reporter; Tony Sanders, Chaplain: Randy Ferguson, President; Debbie Myers, Secretary; Mart Murphree, Parliamentarian; Vince Herrington, Treasurer; and Paul Payne, Vice-President. Not pictured: Steve Long, Historian.

The President's Council, composed of heads of all the various organizations on campus, had the following members: (Seated) Linda Henley, Stephanie Patrick, Dr. Phil Sutphin, Dr. Eddie M. Smith, Hal Land, John King; (Second) Bobbie Love, Kathy Fitzhugh, Kim Hobby, Cindy Hall, Heather Weidler, Missy Smith, Connie Myers, Bethany Brantley, Dana Gressett, Stacy Radigan; (Third) Donnie Montgomery, Lisa Hatcher, Ben Guthrie, Shan Carpenter, Bruce Mainka, Opie Ray, Renessa Barton, Audrey Roberts, and Steve Tucker.

Baptist Student Union officers are: (seated) Lisa Hatcher, President; Tim Glaze (Director) (Standing) Johnny Beaver (Worship), Alice Fairley (BSU Secretary), Mark Shaw (Freshman President), Candie Beaver (Social Chairman), Teresa Monk (Secretary), Kim Pierce (Mission Chair), Chris Edwards (Publicity Chair), Bill Kitchens (Worship), Dawn Alexander (Freshman Sec.), Rosetta Howard (Outreach). Not pictured are Brian Roland (Fine Arts Chair), and Phillip Pope.

At the "Welcome Back" party in the fall, Batman (Phillip Pope) and Robin (Johnny Beaver) enthusiastically endorse BSU.

VICA, BSU Provide Leadership

Two of the most active organizations on campus are the VICA Club and the BSU. VICA, the largest student organization on campus, is a service organization composed of students enrolled in vocational programs. Each year, they sponsor a blood drive and participate in numerous activities. The culmination of the year is the statewide competition at which students compete in hands-on competition in their various fields of study. This year, EC student Tony Sanders served as State reporter.

The BSU traditionally provides spiritual leadership for students who are away from home. With activities planned for almost every night, Director Tim Glaze and his officers planned a year which would not only provide a sound spiritual basis but would afford entertainment as well.

Instructor Ricky Vaughn and a group of VICA members serve up some tempting hamburgers at all home football games.

The BSU brought to the campus the Lou Leventhall Magic Show in which Leventhal suspended his wife in midair.

VICA officer Mart Murphree of Collinsville greets a fellow student with a warm handshake.

Members of Phi Theta Kappa, national honor society, are: (front) Connie Myers, Heather Weidler, Candie Beaver, Joyce Luke, Cindy Hall, Janice Johnson; (Second) Phillip Pope, Lisa Hatcher, Lisa Risher, Dana Gresset, Ben Guthrie; (third) Johnny Beaver, Bruce Mainka, Duane Richardson, Janet Bullard, Stella Dickerson; (fourth) Allen Ezelle, Reed Kilpatrick, B.J. Hailey, Dexter Thornton, John Wesley Hardin.

Those attaining membership in Mu Alpha Theta, national mathematics honor society, are: (front) Lisa Hatcher, Joyce Luke, Kevin Winstead, Tanya Aycox, Robin Cole, Stacey Powers, Stephanie Gainey, Kim Hobby, Cindy Hall, Lisa Risher, Kerry Wilcher, Heather Weidler; (second) Dewayne McNair, Jeff Hitt, Jim Holder, Connie Myers, Ben Guthrie, Stephanie Patrick, Bruce Mainka, Johnny Beaver, Chad Harris; (third) Rhonda Lawrence, Angell Posey, Suzanne Smith, Kristi Williams, Michelle Mitchell, Sandra Collins, Gay Chamblee, Gayla Goodwin, Anita Rivers, Timony Bell, Candi Beaver; (fourth) B.J. Hailey, Dexter Thornton, Mike Arthur, Alan Anthony, Reed Kilpatrick, Duane Richardson, Sadie Triplett, Brent Bailey, and Connie Money.

TOM-TOM staff members included: Missy Smith, Tracey Ladd, Kim Wedgeworth, Linda Henley, Cindy Hall, Janis Steele, Bobbie Love, Nicole Johnson; (second) John King, Andy Hardy, Wanda Breedlove, Marla Chamblee, Dawn Bradford, Timony Bell; (third) David LeBlanc, Chris Little, Dr. Jeff Smith, sponsor, Robert Cummins, Jim Holder, Louanne Morrow, Teresa Sullivan; Del Crocker, Diana Davidson. (not pictured) Michalle Everett, Tracey Henry.

The nine members of the WO-HE-LO staff who worked to produce the yearbook are: Heather Weidler (Editor), Robin Milling, Michelle Lawrence (Business Manager), Pam Pace, Amy Alford (Assoc. Editor); (Back) Brent Wells, Ab Germany, Rhonda Lawrence, and Twyla Kemp.

Tom-Tom staffer John King covered the hypnotist show for the paper and came away with first-hand experience as he thought ammonia was perfume.

Cindy Hall (right) could have written a fine feature for the TOM-TOM on her experiences in the "Mess Pageant."

Hard Work Results in Excellence

Two groups which contributed heavily to campus life this year are the members of the paper staff and the members of Phi Theta Kappa.

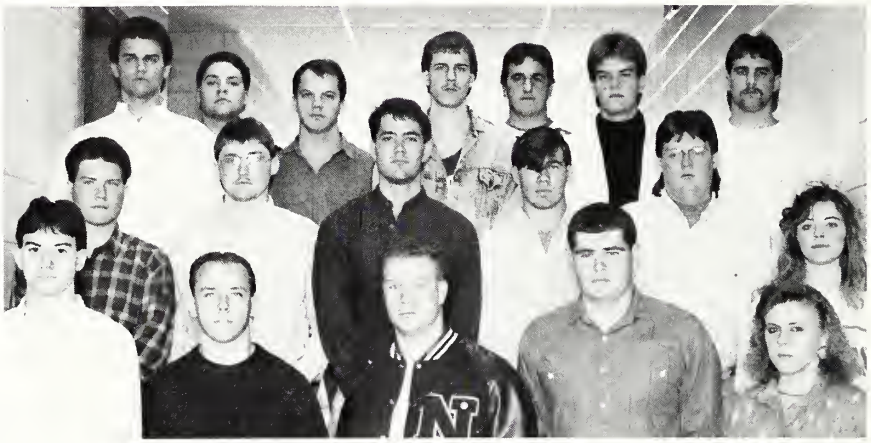
The TOM-TOM staff worked to put out a student newspaper of which all the students could be proud. Dr. Jeff Smith, an English instructor, began working with the staff this year, along with Bubby Johnston, Public Relations Director.

Phi Theta Kappa, which requires an impressive Grade Point Average for membership, is a service organization which each year performs service projects for the school and community. An ongoing project of the local chapter is the adoption of two miles of Highway 15. Twice a year the chapter walks these two miles picking up trash to help keep Mississippi beautiful.

The local chapter also sponsored a regional conference of chapters from a three-state area and attended the national conference in San Francisco.

Connie Myers, a sophomore Phi Theta Kappan, does her part in picking up litter, a chapter project.

Serving as EC's Ambassadors this year were these Warrior Corps members: (Front) Stephanie Gainey, Bethany Brantley, Kim Alford, Missy Smith, Jana Fanning, Kim Hobby, Leigh Ann Goolsby; (Second) Diana Davidson, Timony Bell, Connie Myers, Shea Oakley, Stephanie Patrick, Amy Alford, Machelle Everette, Heather Weidler, John King-President; (Third) Andy Hardy, Hal Land, Jay Kerr, Dorris Lenzie, Ovid Vickers, Reid Kilpatrick, Chad Driskell, and Shan Carpenter. (Not Pictured: Robbie Palmieri, Karen Valentine, Randi Baugh)



Alpha Alpha Epsilon, the engineers, had the following members: Dewayne McNair, Kevin Winstead, Chad Harris, Dexter Thornton, Dana Gressett-President; (Second) Morrise Johnson, Alan Anthony, B.J. Hailey-Treasurer, Mike Arthur, Duane Richardson, Joedy Wilkes; (Third) Brian Cooper, Barry Graham, Ron Fisher, Reid Kilpatrick, Dewayne Smith, David Shaw, and Brent Bailey. (Not Pictured: Richard Graham, Cody Harris, LeFarn McDonald, Ken Morris, Raymond Reynolds, Sam Watkins, and Bruce Mainka - Secretary)

Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, the medical club sponsored by Ronald Davis, this year had these members: Chris Little, Stacy Williamson, Jana Fanning, Lynn Wolfe, Dawn Nicholson, Jennifer Johnson; (Second) Machelle Everett, Chris Ponomorenko, Suzanne Smith, Robin Cole, Kelly Cooksey, Bethany Brantley; (Third) Lee Green, Tonya Scott, Elizabeth Bell, Marcus Triplett, Greg Griffin, Joe Carpenter, and Hal Land.

Phi Beta Lambda, a service organization composed of students majoring in any phase of business, included these members: Nicole Gibbs, Desire Smith, Janet Bullard, Nicole Sanders, Tabby Breazeale, Stella Dickerson, Leigh Ann Goolsby, Bonnie Mowdy, Lee Chamblee, Lisa Risher; (Second) Pamela Pace, Darlene Tubby, Angie Dickerson, Ben Guthrie, Gerald Triplett, Abraham Jones, Shan Carpenter, John King, Paula Carter, Lisa Hatcher and Sheila Thornton.

Karen Valentine, sophomore Warriors Corps member, enjoys the Homecoming dance. Karen also instructed the Centralettes.

Versatile Students Must Make Time Count

"If you want something done, find a busy person to do it." There is a great deal of truth in that old adage, and it is proved every day by a group of East Central students who juggle heavy class schedules with participation in a wide variety of activities.

It is not unusual to find a good student, maintaining an average of 3.0, who is a member of the Warrior Corps, the band, the Players Club, and another club or two while also holding down a parttime job and playing on an intramural team.

"I want to remember my college years as a time when I was involved in as many things as I could be, but I also want to have a good transcript," one busy sophomore stated.

Freshman Warrior Corps member Bethany Brantley, and also a member of Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, eats an onion which she has been hypnotized into thinking is an orange.

Shan Carpenter, sophomore Warrior Corps member and a Phi Beta Lambdan, shows his versatility in various clubs and in his artistry.

Students who participated in Students in Free Enterprise this year included: Lynn Hillman, Kathy Fitzhugh, Lisa Hatcher, Lisa Risher, Lynn Wright; (Back) James Stroo (Sponsor), Ben Guthrie, John King, and Johnny Beaver. Students not pictured: John Holland, Lori Kirkland, Kathy Carr, Mike Johnson and Kerry Wilcher.

Serving as models in the Fashion Squad were: (Front) Linda Henley, Libby Hamill, Nicole Sanders, Missy Smith; (Second) Kristi Patrick, Twyla Kemp, Suzette Hall, Stacy Powers; (Third) Angie Alderman, Amy Crawford, Tabby Breazeale, Deanna McNair, Desire Smith, Renessa Barton; (Back) Laura Johnson, Umeki Edwards, Machelle Everett.

Future teachers who comprised the Student Education Association were: (Front) Suzette Hall, Libby Hamill, Jones Steele, Bobbie Love, Linda Henley, Pam Gilmer, Michelle Lawrence, Missy Smith; (Second) Joyce Graham, Stephanie Gainey, Patricia Nelson, Stephanie Patrick, Diana Davidson; (Third) Kay Vaughn, Tara Swindle, Kim Hobby, Janis Johnson, Joyce Luke; (Fourth) Robin Milling, Karla Munn, Sharon Burnside, Betty Bryant, Sonya Lewis; (Fifth) Chris Childress, Sponsor Lucille Wood, Jim McAdory, Rosetta Howard, Tonya Henry, and Wirt Spiva.

Participating in ECCC Players were: (Kneeling) Donnie Montgomery, Christi Herrington, Brian Roland, Stacy Radigan, Tara VanDevender, Brent Fountain, Tracy Weaver, Robbie Palmieri, Kim Wedgeworth, Jason Hisaw; (Standing) Jade French, Ronald Burton, Dawn Alexander, Rosetta Howard, Kay Cherry, Jay Mathis, Linda Henley, Pam Gilmer, Stacy Williamson, Jim Holder, Kay Vaughn, Derek Rogers, Sandra Collins, Bobbie Love, Andy Hardy, Jones Steele, and Machelle Everett.

Rosetta Howard, a future teacher, appeared in "Ladies in Waiting" along with Sandra Collins and Tracy Weaver.

Libby Hamill, a sophomore, is a member of the Fashion Squad and also the SEA. Here, Libby flashes a smile as she models for the crowd.

Stacey Ealy and Suzette Hall, two SEA members, listen intently in a Math for Teachers class.

From Stage to Classroom

It might seem like a long way from the EC stage where future teachers appeared in plays and as models to the classroom. However, students who are preparing to become teachers this year played a big role in dinner theater productions, in musical productions, and as models with the Fashion Squad.

Someone has said that teachers are many times thwarted actors, and perhaps that is true. At least it is true that many of the future teachers this year enjoyed participating in activities which required them to appear on stage.

The ECC Jazz Band, which is active during the spring semester of each year, is a group of musicians who enjoy playing together. They play at home basketball games and go out into the high schools of the five county district as a recruiting group. The group is directed by Tom Carson.

The East Central concert band is composed largely of members of the marching band who like to participate in concert settings. The concert band performs two concerts on the campus during the spring semester. Students in the concert band are afforded the opportunity to hone their musical skills while at the same time playing more "formal" music.

The concert choir this year was composed of: (Front) Charles Hinson, Director, Rosetta Howard, Pam Gilmer, Richard Ferguson, Mark Branning, Diann Ingram, Deanne McNair, Leesa Lee, accompanist; (Second) Linda Henley, Brian Roland, Brent Fountain, Kay Cherry, Tammatha Worley, Cindy Hall; (Third) Darlene Crane, Tonya Henry, Charla McFarland, Scott Lewis, Brian Roland, and Philip Pope.

Members of the ECCC Gospel Choir this year were: (Front) Bobbie Love, Lisa Stribling, Yolanda Langdon, Eunice Morgan, Dorothy Edwards, Jones Steele, Renee Thames, Sonya Stokes, Paula Thames, Alice Smith, Katherine Robertson, Brenda Johnson, Director; (Second) Nicole Johnson, Crystal Judon, Wanda Edwards, Marnette Davenport, Machelle Walker, Beverly Weir, Pamela Pruitt, Katie Dennis, Tonya Moore, Barbara Haynes, Gary Grant, Dexter Coleman, Darrell McCurry, Hayes Petty, Isaac Lyons, Maurice Baxtrum.

EC Musicians Get Off On Right Count

East Central offers a number of opportunities for students who are interested in music, in addition to the usual classes one might expect.

Those who like to sing might choose to join the concert choir or the gospel choir.

Those who are interested in instrumental music might become a part of the concert choir or the jazz band.

These groups are added to the Top Forty Group, the Collegians which holds tryouts each fall.

During the 89-90 school year, a new group was instituted. This group was called "The Central Notes" and will in the future become a regular feature in the music department.

As a special treat at the Christmas dinner, the concert choir presents a short concert of Christmas music.

The concert choir warms up in preparation for a rehearsal prior to a spring concert.

Cindy Hall concentrates on hitting the right notes in a concert band rehearsal.

"Dueling saxophonists" Misty Gatewood and Billy Howell enjoy a jazz band rehearsal.

Stand up
and be
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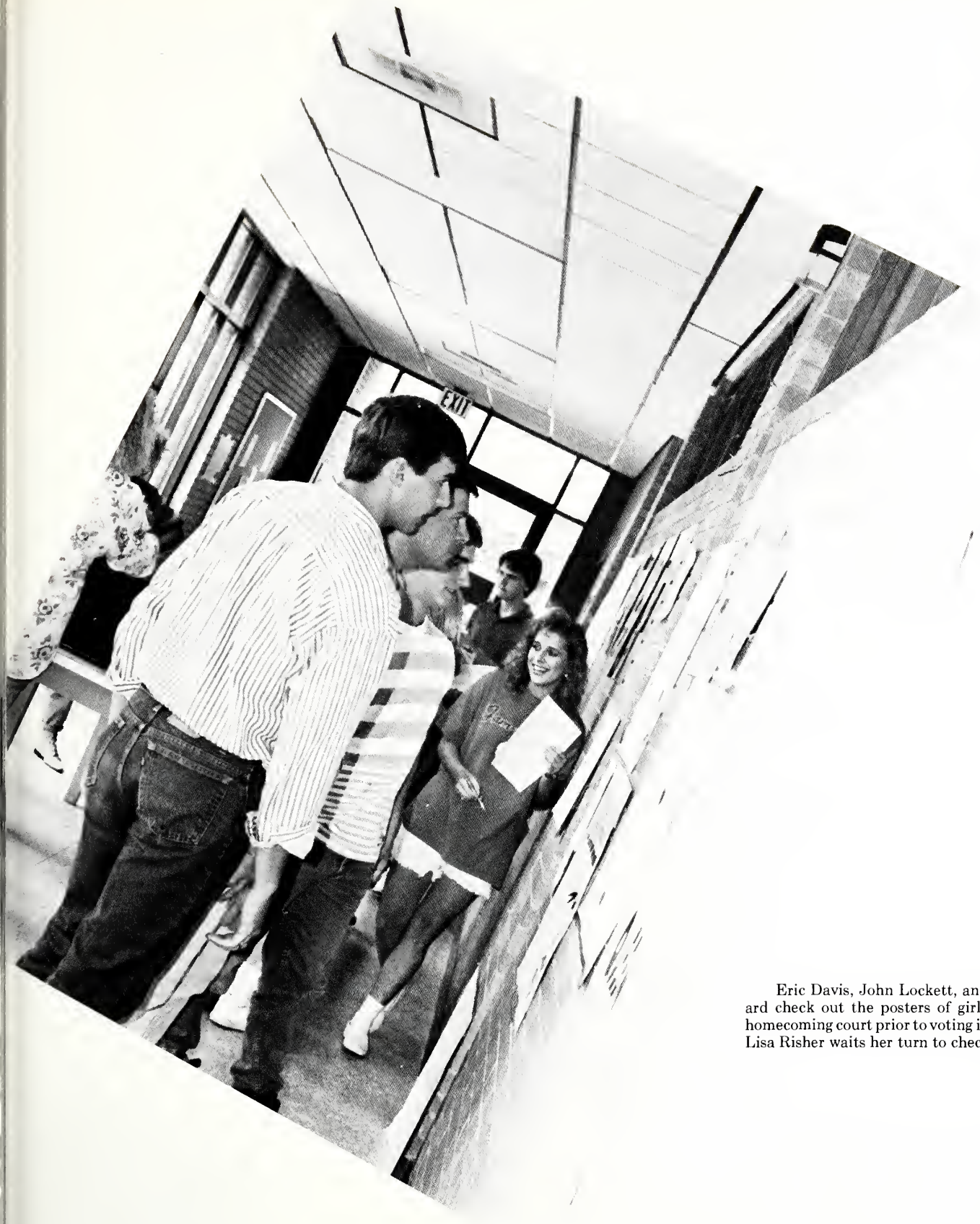


Eric Davis, John Lockett, and Stuart Kinard check out the posters of girls running for homecoming court prior to voting in the election. Lisa Risher waits her turn to check her choices.

Leading the Way Into the Nineties

Because he believes that open communication is essential to the successful operation of the college, Dr. Eddie M. Smith, President, is highly visible on campus and makes himself available to the faculty, staff, and students at East Central.

Although much of his time is taken up with planning, supervising, and implementing the ongoing administrative functions of the college, students know that Dr. Smith also finds time in his busy schedule to attend athletic events, plays, programs, dances and other activities which involve the students.

Students who see him on campus often do not realize that in addition to serving as East Central's President, Dr. Smith is an accomplished musician, a health enthusiast, and an avid collector.

Music has always been a part of his life, and he plays the organ each Sunday at Clarke-Venable Baptist Church. In order to keep in good physical condition, he walks an average of three miles each day, and because of his keen interest in collecting, he can be found on weekends searching for collectibles at local craft fairs, the Canton Flea Market, or Ripley's First Monday Trade Days.

Among the things he enjoys collecting are country furniture, nativity figures, peddler products, and discontinued magazines. Other personal favorites are household items that were popular during his boyhood such as Log Cabin syrup containers.

Regardless of the activity he is involved in, Dr. Smith always has East Central and its students uppermost in his thoughts.

An old juicer catches the attention of the Smiths, avid collectors of household items from the thirties and forties.

Dr. Smith flashes the ready smile with which he greets every visitor to his office.

Dr. Smith and his wife Charlotte pause at a collector's fair to look at pieces of antique crochet.

"It has been my pleasure to be involved in a number of very positive and progressive changes that have taken place at East Central in the eighties. I look forward to the decade of the nineties and to the challenges offered by an increasingly technological age."

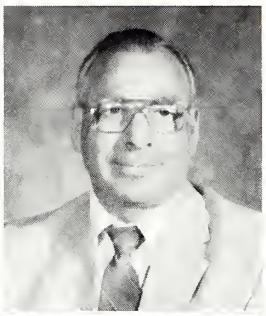
Eddie M. Smith

Dr. Brad Tucker, the "Dean of Deans" in the Mississippi Junior/Community Colleges, has served as Dean since 1961. He came to East Central in 1951 as an instructor in the then-flourishing Agriculture Department. Administrators quickly recognized Tucker's potential for leadership, and the confidence placed in him by naming him Dean has proved to be well founded. He has been at East Central longer than any other faculty or staff member and is now the longest-serving dean among all the junior/community colleges in the state. Dr. Tucker oversees the instructional aspects of the college and works closely with the president in both short and long-range plans for the college.

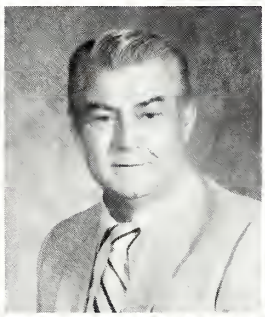
Members of the East Central Board of Trustees, the policy-making body appointed by the Supervisors of the five supporting counties, include: (Seated) Lester Rigdon, L. E. Cliburn, A. F. Hollingsworth, Sam Bounds, (Secretary), Jerry Moore (Vice-Chairman), Henry B. Hudspeth (Chairman), Mattye Evans, and Joyce Harrison; (Standing) V. C. Manning, Prentice Copeland, Joel Chancellor, Joe Edd Kea, Cline Watkins, Lamar Blount, Billy Nicholson, Eugene Buntyn, Ralph Henry, Silas O'Neal, Leo Parker, Leon Tadlock, Glendon Caraway, and Randal Livingston. Not pictured: Vernon Crotwell, Rebecca Farris, Benjamin Johnson, Jerry Nance, Fred Perkins, Kathryn Walters, Ann Wood, and J. C. Williamson.

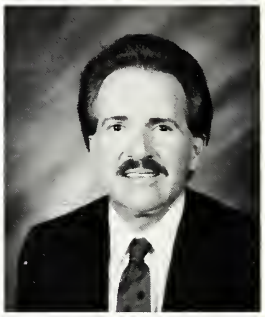
Administration

Chester Clark, Asst. Dir. of Voc.-Tech. Instruction
Gene Davis, Director of Adult & Continuing Education
Erle "Bubby" Johnston, Director of Public Information
A. J. Kilpatrick, Football Coach & Athletic Director



Raymond McMullan, Director of Admissions, Records, and Research
O. L. Newell, Director of Vocational-Technical Instruction
Clinton Russell, Director of Physical Plant
Eddie M. Smith, President





Phil A. Sutphin, Dean of Students
Lawrence Tingle, Director of Student Support Services
Harvey Trapp, Business Manager
B. J. Tucker, Dean of Instruction

In 1983, when the Philadelphia-Neshoba County Vocational-Technical Center opened, college administrators looked around for the very best person to employ as Director of the Center. They found just the man in the person of Harry Carter.

An East Central alumnus with Bachelors and Masters Degrees from MSU, Mr. Carter had been teaching industrial arts for a number of years and had the insight to set up programs which would meet the needs of students entering the workplace in the eighties and nineties.

Faculty and Staff

John Adcock, Vocational Counselor
Alfred Bailey, Dir. of Voc. Individualized Study Program
Leonard Barrier, English
Larry Blackburn, Carpentry

Jay Bowen, Men's Basketball Coach & Student Recruiter
Jerry Boyles, Child Care
Lilia Briseno, Spanish
Anne Bullock, Business Technology

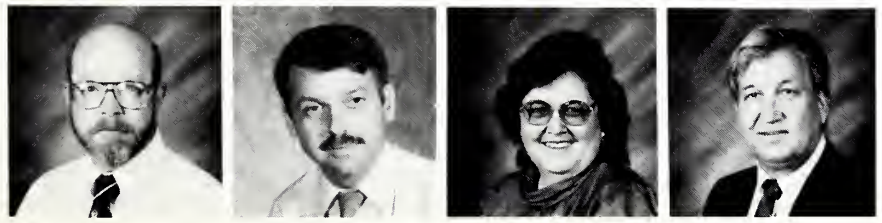
L. B. Bullock, Computer Science
Anne Burkes, Librarian
Brenda Carson, Dir. of Financial Aid
Thomas W. Carson, Band Director

Linette Chancellor, Cosmetology
Audrey Clark, Sec. to Dean of Students
Joe Clark, Math & Physical Ed.
Lou Clark, Sec. to Dir. of Admissions

Richard Clark, Machine Shop
Willard Clay, Welding
Sandra Curry, Secretary
Ronald Davis, Biological Sciences

Alford Deaton, Physics
Barbara Dean, Communications Office
Michelle Ergle, Business Technology
Richard C. Ethridge, Social Studies

Thomas Fortenberry, Computer Analyst/Programmer/Operator
Kathryn George, Child Care
Sara Griffin, Computer Technology
Sarah Griffin, Cosmetology



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James Hansford, Industrial Coordinator
Carolyn Haralson, Dormitory Hostess
Shelby Harris, Mathematics

Ricky Harrison, Drafting and Design Technology
Charles Hinson, Music
Betty Holbrook, Dormitory Hostess
Roberta Holt, Bus. Admin. & Accounting

Sandra Hooker, Sec. to Dean of Instruction
Brenda Johnson, Computer Technology
Brenda Johnson, Child Care
Wallace Keen, Electronics

Leesa Lee, Music
Melissa Lewis, Child Care
Skip Lynn, Electronics
Fredrick Lyons, Carpentry

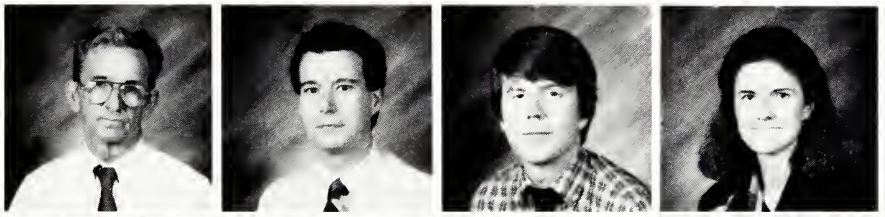
Paul McElhenney, Masonry
Lois McMullan, Mathematics
James McNair, Automotive Mechanics
George Mason, Biological Sciences

Mary Massengale, School Nurse
Polly Mayes, Drafting & Design Technology
Lester Miles, Refrigeration
Samuel Pace, Women's Basketball Coach & Sociology

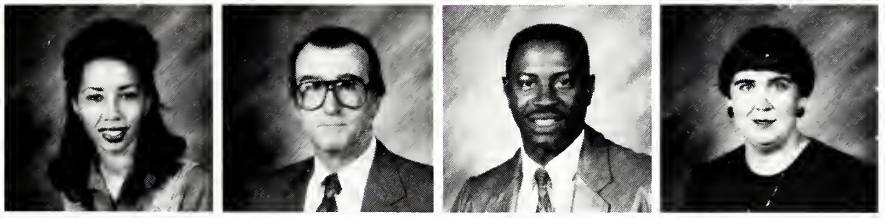
Lisa Pearson, Sec. to Dir. of Physical Plant
Robert Pearson, Automotive Mechanics
Linda Pierce, Admissions Office
Bruce Peterson, Speech & Theater

Elizabeth Pitts, Business Technology
Janet Pope, Business Office
Alice Pouncey, Psychology
John Russell, Asst. Football Coach & Mathematics

Miriam Russell, Bookstore Manager
Gloria Rigdon, Communications Office
Bonnie Savell, Sec. to Dir. of Voc. Instruction
LeAnn Scoggin, Secretary to the President



Grover Shoemaker, Automotive Body and Fender Repair
Jeff Smith, English
James Stroo, Economics
Teresa Stroud, Dean of Students' Office



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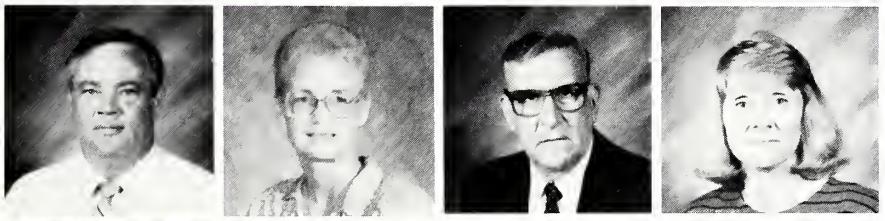
Thomas W. Thrash, Social Studies
Tony Triplett, Asst. Football Coach & VIDS Program
June Vaughn, Accountant



Ricky Vaughn, Electricity
Carol Vickers, English
Ovid Vickers, English
Burma Weidler, Financial Aid Office

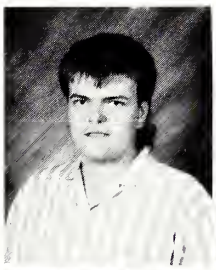
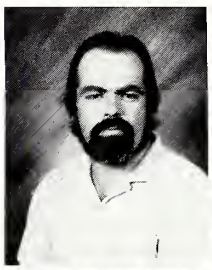
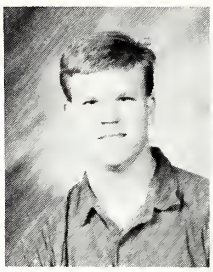
Gail Wood, Asst. Librarian
Lucille Wood, Health and Physical Education

Members of the faculty at the Philadelphia-Neshoba County Vocational-Technical Center are: (Seated) Geneva Barker, Secretary; Brenda Pierce, Business Technology; Harry Carter, Director; Melvie Culberson, Industrial Sewing; and Carrie Alford, Related Studies. (Standing) Michael Moore, Custodian; Donald Wayne Massey, Automotive Mechanics; Howard Herrington, Carpentry; Felix Knight, Electricity/Electronics; and Larry Duran, Metal Trades.

Not pictured:
Mike Anderson
Greg Jefcoat
Richard Fisher
Gloria Johnson
Versie Kilpatrick

Sophomores

William Adams, Carthage
Jason Alexander, Philadelphia
Scott Allen, Livonia, La.
Tracey Anderson, Newton
Mike Arthur, Edinburg

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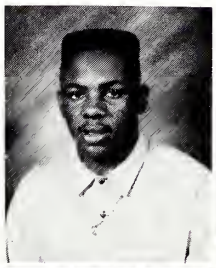

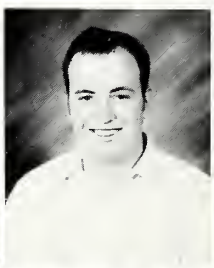

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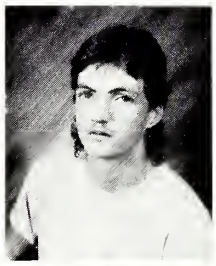

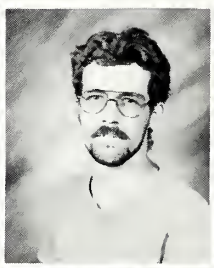
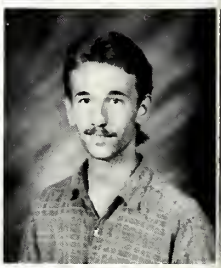

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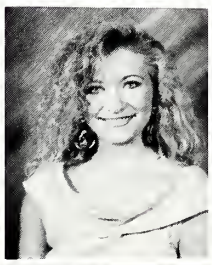

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Darnell Brown, Decatur
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Janet Bullard, Union

Michael Butler, Hickory
Teresa Cade, Newton
Kevin Carpenter, Carthage
Shan Carpenter, Carthage
Terry Carpenter, Carthage

Kathy Carr, Forest
Paula Carter, Union
Lee Chamblee, Carthage
Kay Cherry, Decatur
Chris Childress, Noxapater

David Strickland (in black shorts) heads for the action as the fight erupts.

Trainer Wins First Title Bout

During EC's game with Southwest, EC's Darnell Brown received a late hit. After the play, Zederick Cistrunk accidentally bumped into the player who hit Brown, and thus began what was to become the most memorable moment of the year.

Both teams poured onto the field, coaches, managers and trainers included. Coach Kilpatrick and Coach Triplett waded into the thick of it, trying to separate the players as referees flung yellow flags everywhere.

In the aftermath Defensive Tackle Shawn White and Trainer David Strickland were ejected, Strickland for roundhousing an SW player. "I knew if there was a fight, I wanted in it. Trainers should take a more active part in the game's outcome," he said.

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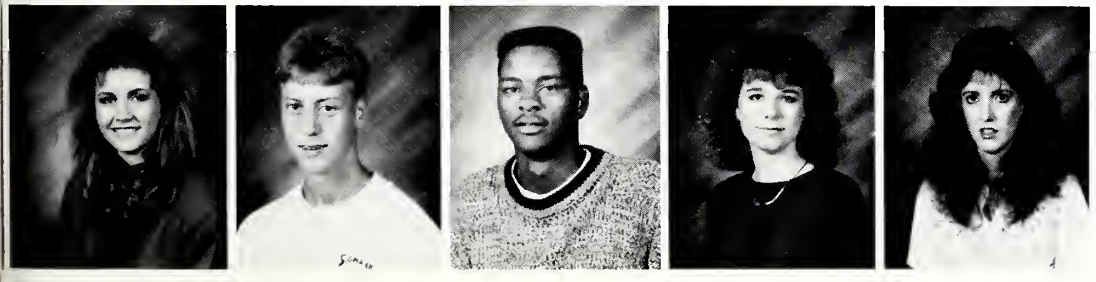

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Stella Dickerson, Union
Linzie Dorris, Walnut Grove
Grayson Easterling, Morton
Christina Edwards, Philadelphia

Umeki Edwards, Hodge, La.
David Emmons, Newton
Jo Estes, Little Rock
Joseph Eubanks, Philadelphia
Finas Evans, Newton

Mississippi Room Holds Treasures

A student is working on a research paper. He flips through the card catalogue and finds a book that looks promising, but in the top corner there is a big "M". What does it mean? Missing, perhaps? Or maybe it means "Manuscript."

Actually, the M on the card signifies that this book can be found in the Mississippi Room of the Burton Library. The Mississippi Room houses a special collection of books, newspapers, magazines, and other reference materials relating to Mississippi and Mississippians.

Also located in this room are archival materials relating to East Central, including such things as the minutes of the Alumni Association meetings, varsity athletic scorebooks, and letters from alumni and former faculty members.

Missy Smith and Jeff Crocker browse through college archives found in the Mississippi Room.

Alan Ezelle, Forest
Michelle Faulkner, Morton
Kathy Fitzhugh, Morton
Catherine Floyd, Louisville
John Arthur Foreman, Little Rock

Theodore Forte, Newton
Michael Frazier, Philadelphia
Timothy Frazier, Philadelphia
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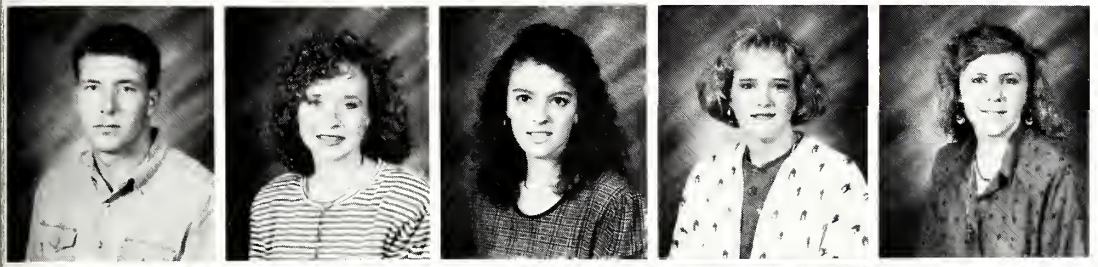

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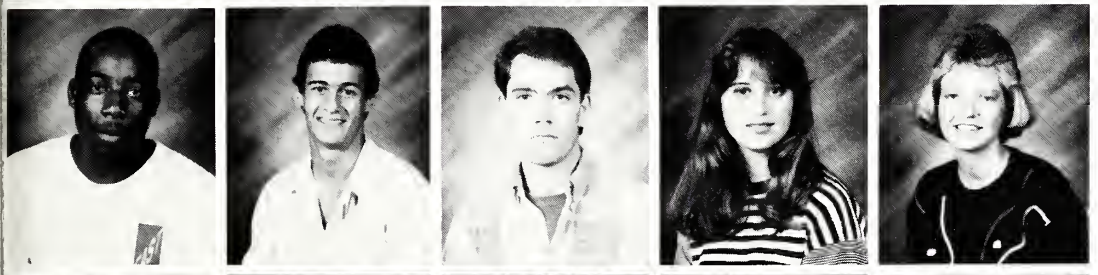

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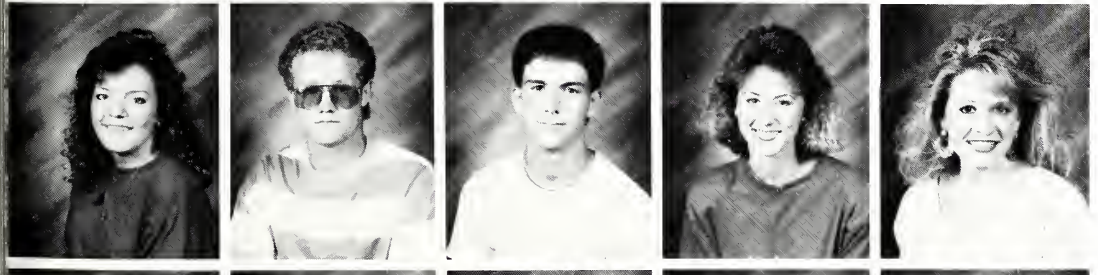

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Melanie Ingram, Carthage
Richard Irons, Union
Richard Isaac, Philadelphia

Amanda Jenkins, Carthage
Berdie John, Conehatta
Stan Johnston, Carthage
Abraham Jones, Jr., Forest
David Jones, Philadelphia

Reed Kilpatrick, Philadelphia
John King, Philadelphia
Lovie Kirkland, Philadelphia
William Kitchings, Carthage
Tracy Ladd, Philadelphia

Hal Land, Louisville
Michelle Lawrence, Pisgah
Rhonda Ledlow, Newton
Leroy Lewis, Newton
Cindy Long, Union

Bobbie Faye Love, Louisville
Betty Luckett, Carthage
Joyce Luke, Decatur
Isaac Lyons, Philadelphia
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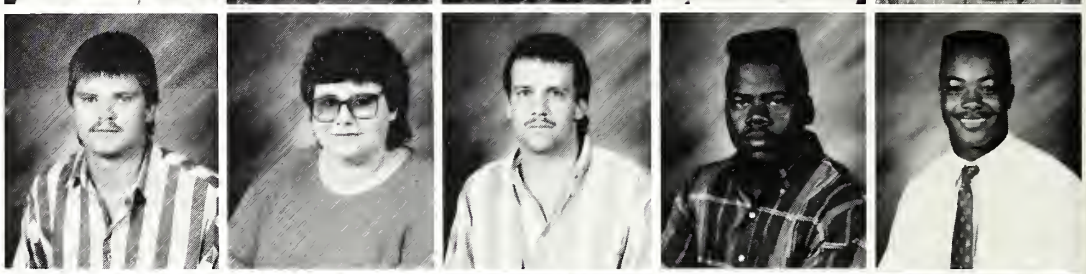

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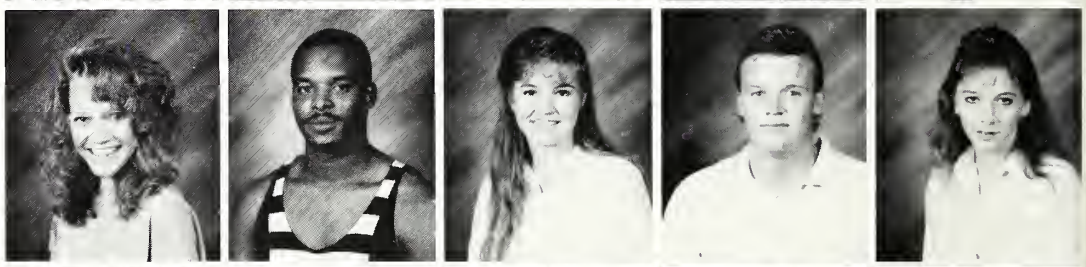

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Kimberly Pierce, Decatur
Chris Platt, Keithville, LA.
Chris Ponomarenko, Noxapater

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Kerri Possey, Philadelphia
Stacy Radigan, Oxford
Herbert Register, Morton

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Derek Rogers, Forest
Thomas Rogers, Forest
Brian Roland, Morton

"Scott by any other name would be just as sweet," says Kim Cashio who was surprised to hear boyfriend Scott called "Livonia."

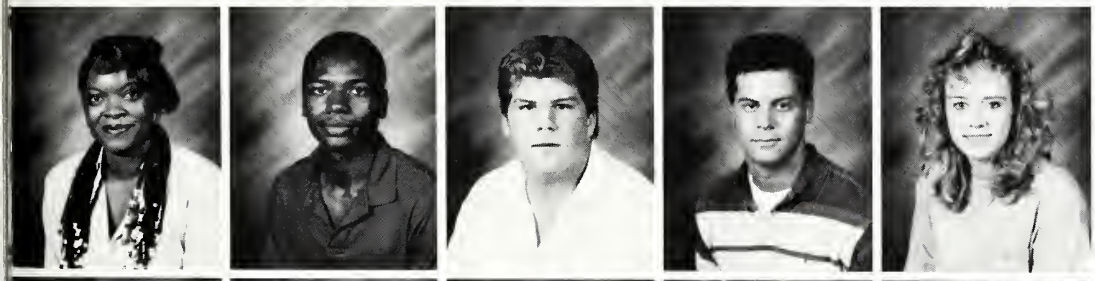
a.k.a. Livonia

Most people are born with a name they are known by all their lives. Sometimes though, over the years, friends can choose a new name for you that they feel fits better.

Scott Allen, a sophomore from Livonia, Louisiana, knows what it's like to have two names. When Scott first arrived here at East Central as a freshman to play catcher on the baseball team, his fellow teammates began calling him by his hometown, Livonia.

Scott says he is used to it now, after two years of being known as Livonia, and even likes it. Not only do Scott's friends call him Livonia, but a few of his teachers do as well.

Now Scott's girlfriend, Kim Cashio, is in school at East Central, and she is subject to being called "Miss Livonia."



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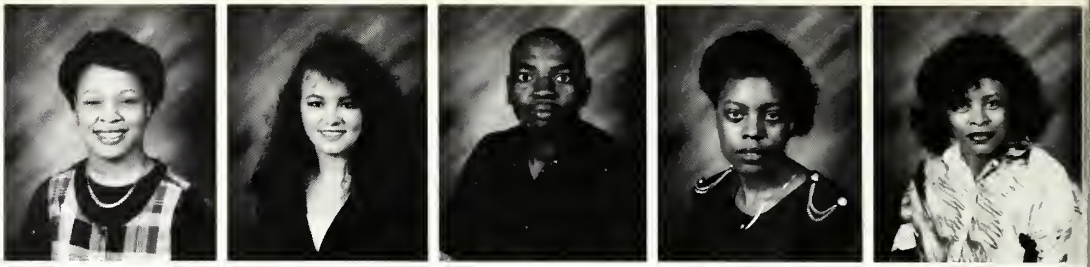

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Brenda Tidmore, Meridian
Sadie Triplett, Louisville

Darlene Tubby, Philadelphia
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Tara Vandevender, Union
Michael Walters, Forest
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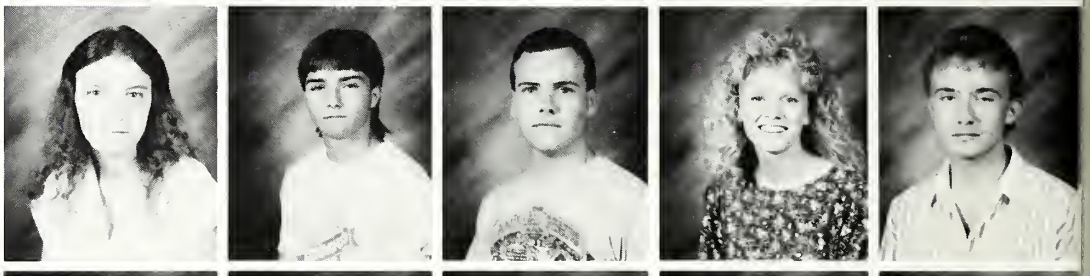

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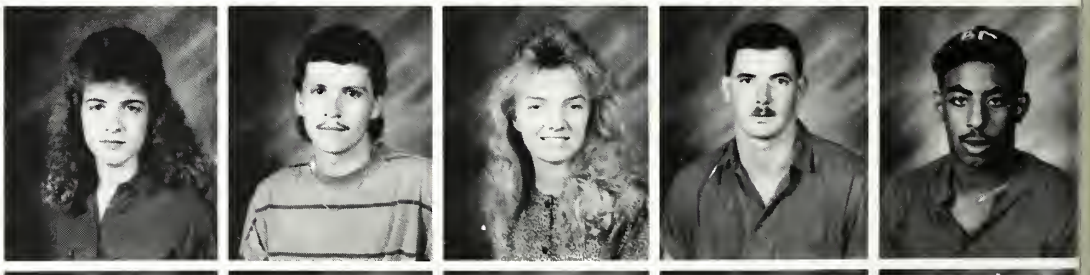

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Dawn Alexander, Beulah Hubbard
Amy Alford, Philadelphia
Lea Ann Allen, Philadelphia

Sherri Allred, Scott Central
Kitty Amos, Calumet, Il.
Lea Anne Anthony, Sebastopol
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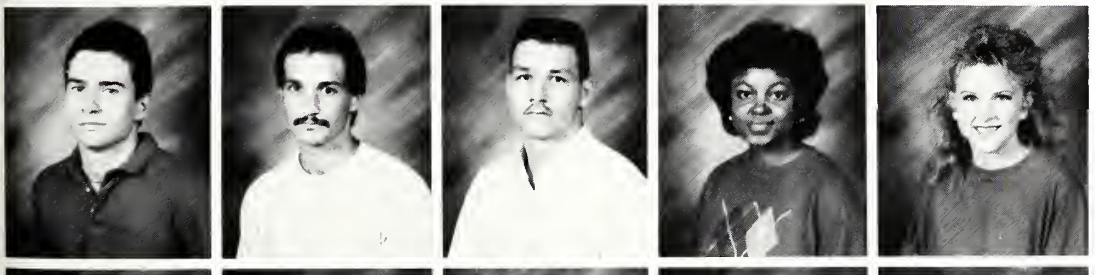

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Doris Bell, Lake
Timony Bell, Lena

Tyrone Bender, Louisville
Roger Bloodsaw, Walnut Grove
Carolyn Boatman, Carthage
Anthony Boler, Carthage
Allen Boutwell, Newton

Evelyn Brand, Decatur
Chris Branning, Collinsville
Lisa Branning, Union
Mark Branning, Philadelphia
Bethany Brantley, Carthage

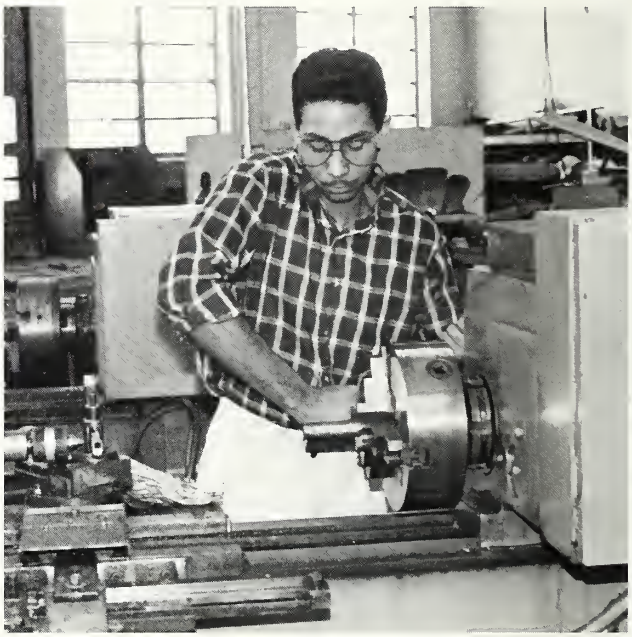
Driving Bus Means Rising Early

It's 5:30 a.m. The sun hasn't even thought of coming up yet, and most East Central students haven't rolled over for that second nap. But for Linzie Dorris and a number of other commuters, the day has already begun.

Linzie drives the East Central commuter bus from Walnut Grove through Carthage, Sebastopol, and Union to the campus. He must leave Walnut Grove at 6:00 a.m., no matter what the temperature or the weather, and he doesn't return home until 4:45 p.m.

Linzie is a sophomore majoring in machine shop, and in addition to his class and shop work, he is a member of the VICA Club and the Warrior Corps.

He plans to enhance his job opportunities by returning to East Central next year to study electronics. The combination of machine shop and electronics will assure Linzie that after getting up at 5:30 a.m. and driving the bus for more than fifty miles, he will get a job which will make it all worthwhile.



Linzie Dorris uses a metal lathe in the machine shop prior to driving the commuter bus.

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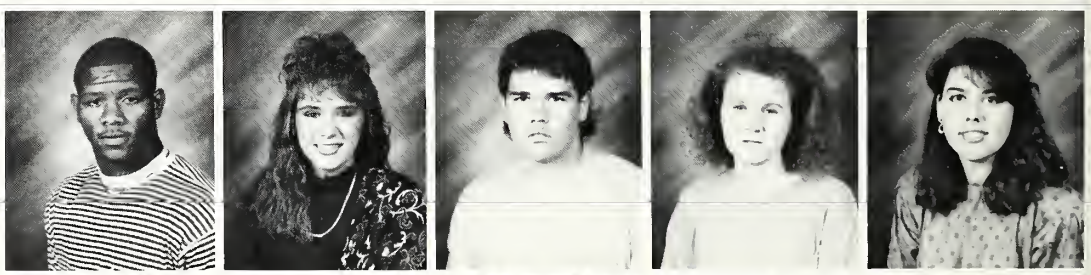

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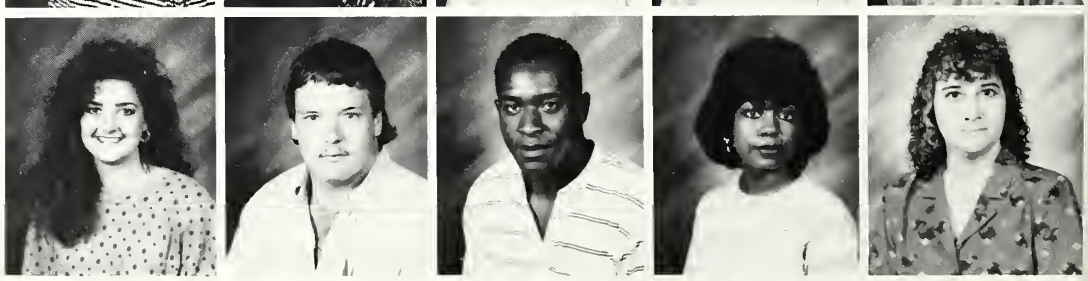

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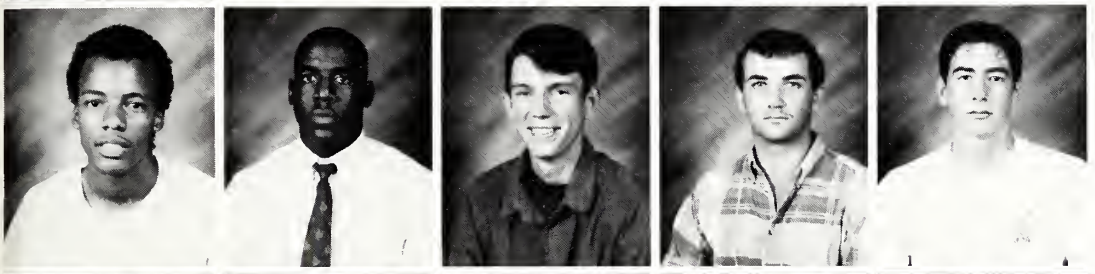

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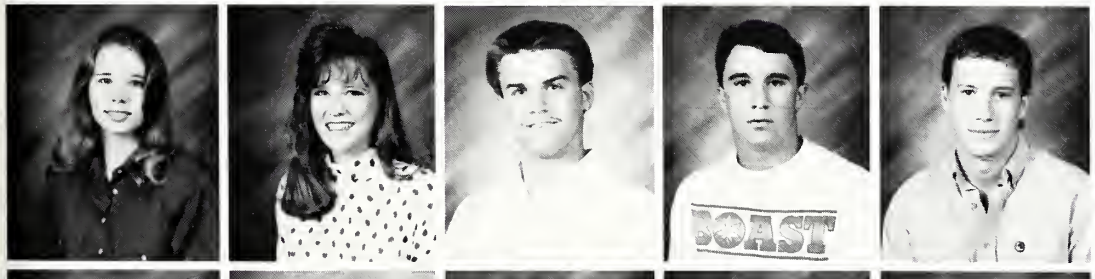

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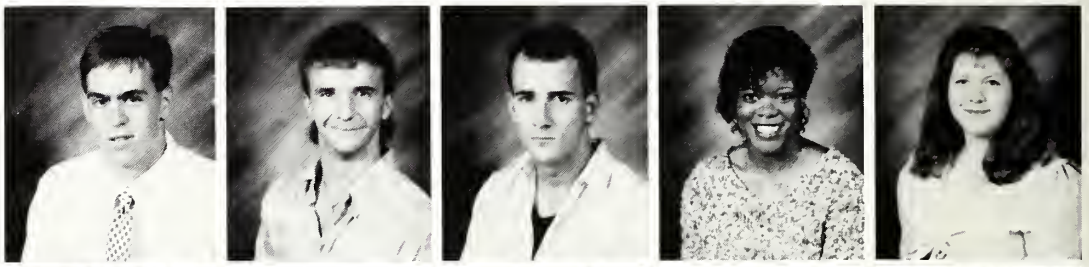

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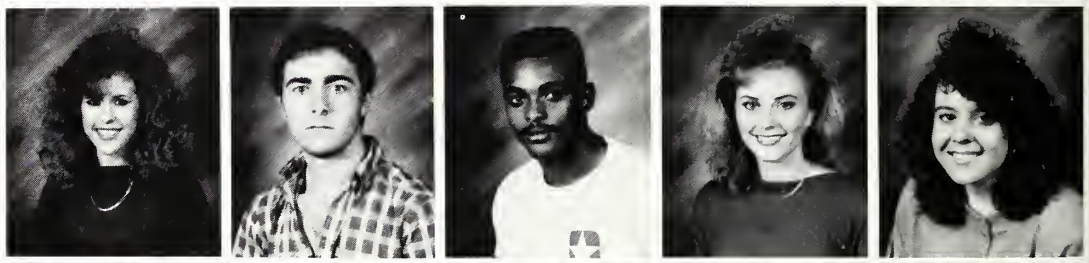

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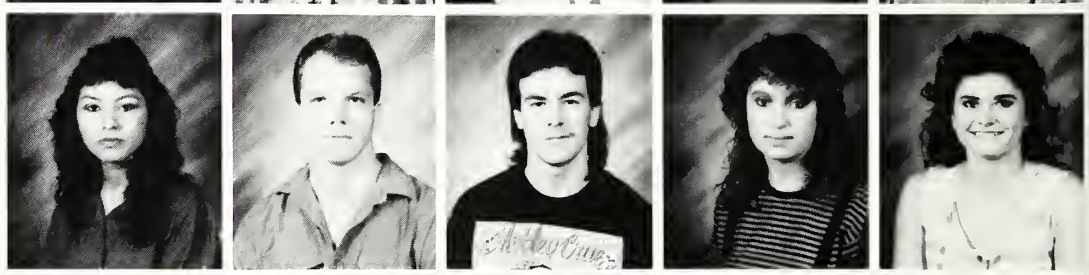

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Ray Gardner, Forest
Daina George

Donna George, Morton
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Tami Gibbon, Newton
Pamilia Gilmer, Philadelphia
Natasha Gilmore, Sebastopol

Jackie Gladney, Louisville
Gayla Goodwin, Carthage
Sandra Gould, Walnut Grove
Barry Graham, Decatur
Emily Graham, Philadelphia

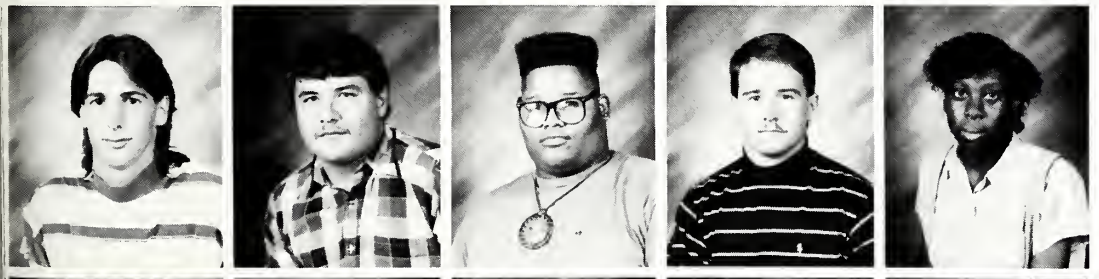
Chris and Eric enjoy a chat in the Student Center, probably about home.

Counting the Miles Toward Home

Chris Ponomarenko and Eric Davis like to talk with one another. It's not just that they enjoy the conversation, but Chris and Eric like the sound of one another's voices. You see, these two students hail from towns "North of the Mason-Dixon Line." They, therefore, are among the few students who don't say "y'all."

Eric came to EC to play baseball from East Chatham, New York, and Chris was reared in Michigan. Although her grandparents live in Noxapater, Chris' roots are firmly bound in Michigan soil.

"I was scared when I first came South," Eric admits. "I didn't know that the people would be so warm and friendly. I really like it here."



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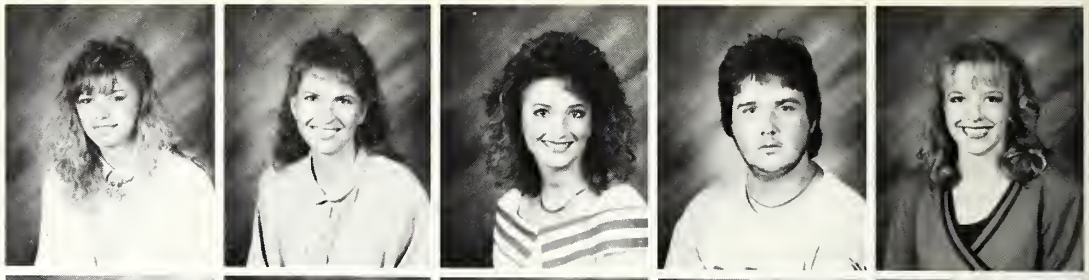

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Lisha Hardage, Carthage

Corey Hardin, Louisville
Andy Hardy, Philadelphia
Ashley Harkins, Thomastown
Cody Harris, Philadelphia
Kgeislyar Harris, Newton

Tennis Provides Lifelong Pleasures

Tennis, anyone? That question is apparently asked many times each week at EC if one can judge by the use of the college tennis courts.

Some students come to East Central having played tennis for most of their lives. Others who have never played the game sign up for a tennis class and in learning the basic fundamentals of the game gain a skill which will follow them all of their lives.

"Tennis is a game which students can enjoy not only while they are in school but for the rest of their lives," says tennis instructor Lucille Wood. "I see people in their fifties, sixties, and even seventies playing tennis.

"No matter where you go, you will be able to find someone to play tennis. I recommend it as a good hobby in addition to the health benefits it provides."

Sophomore Brent Wells of Noxapater prepares to serve in a match played in tennis class.

Gloria Harrison, Carthage
Belinda Hartsell, Union
Jackie Hathorn, Neshoba Central
Kevin Hearn, Philadelphia
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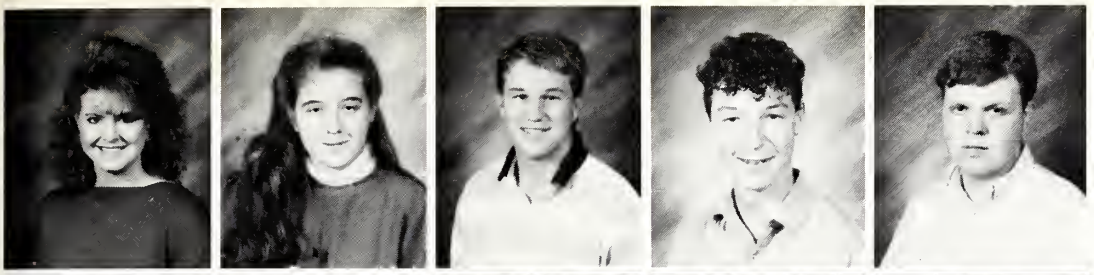

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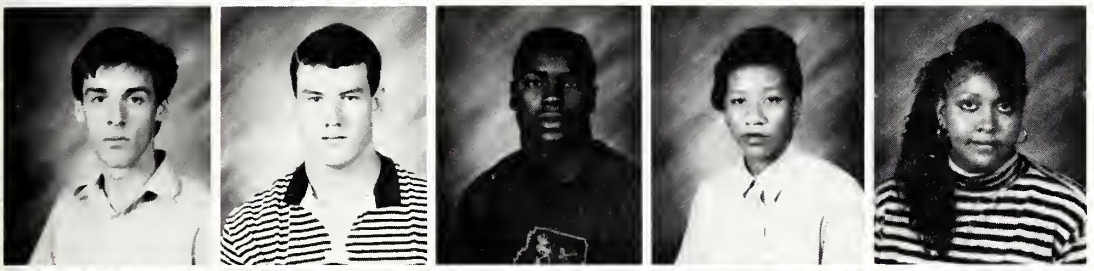

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Don Howell, Jr., Carthage
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Margaret Isaac, Philadelphia
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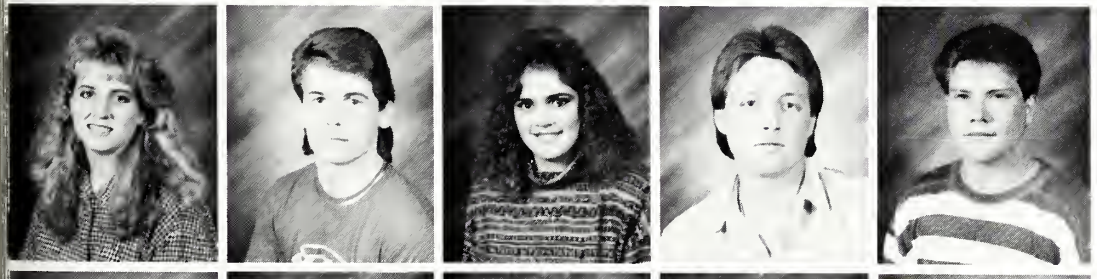

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Ben Jones, Newton
Brian Jones, Philadelphia

Sam Jones, Walnut Grove
Sammie Jones, Newton
Crystal Judon, Philadelphia
John Kasper, Meridian
Twyla Kemp, Carthage

Kevin Kennedy, Lena
Jay Kerr, Newton
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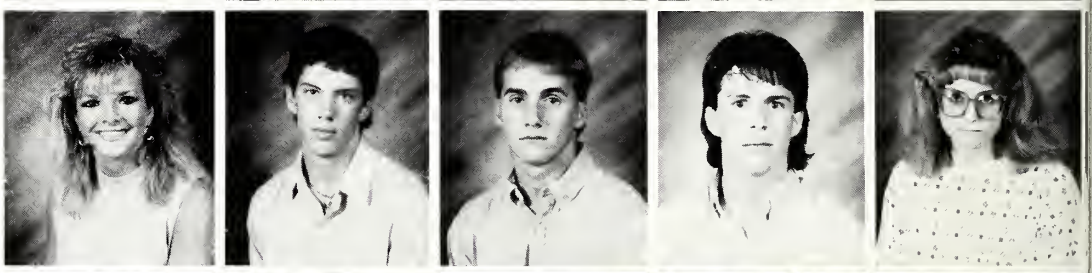

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Scott Lewis, Philadelphia
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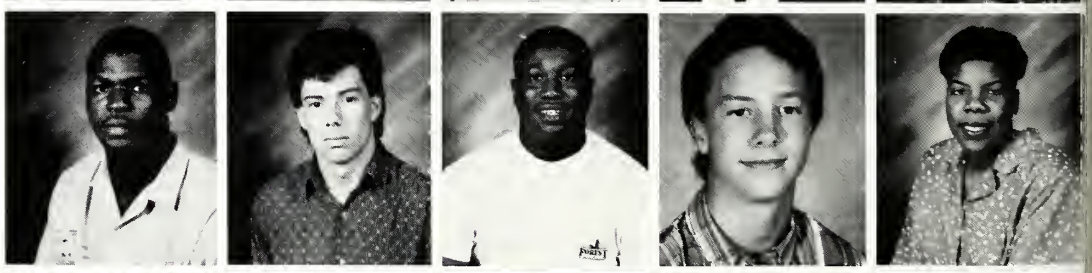

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Cara Matlock, Hickory
Scottie May, Forest
Debbie Mayes, Conehatta

Eric Mays, Gosnell, Ar.
Jim McAdory, Louisville
Felicia McCune, Union
Le Farn McDonald, Scott Central
Kathy McDougle, Union

Freshman Youlanda Langdon (R) listens intently to advice given by Miss Jackson.

Tutoring Service Provides Boost

Where do students go when they need help with a course? What can a student do when he finds himself in trouble in a tough course?

Some students turn to roommates or friends, but East Central offers a unique service for students who find themselves in need of a little extra nudge.

The Student Support Services Offices, under the able direction of Mrs. Lawrence Tingle, matches students with tutors. The tutors are usually sophomores who excelled in a particular course and are able to offer assistance to students who need it.

Mrs. Tingle oversees the overall program and is assisted by Miss Jacquita Jackson, a guidance counselor, and Mrs. Versie Kilpatrick, secretary.

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Russell McGee, Lake
Chad McKeehan, McMinn, Tn.
Paul Mclemore, Forest
Marilyn McMillan, Forest

Emilie McMullan, Decatur
Dewayne McNair, Philadelphia
Scott McNair, Philadelphia
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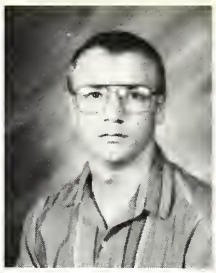

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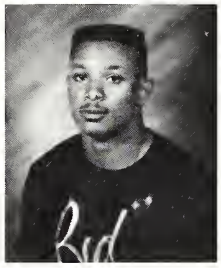
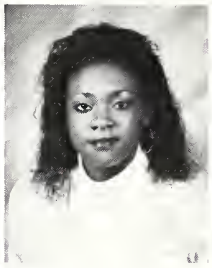
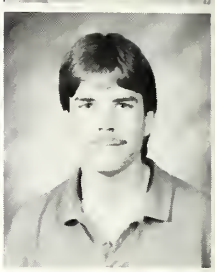





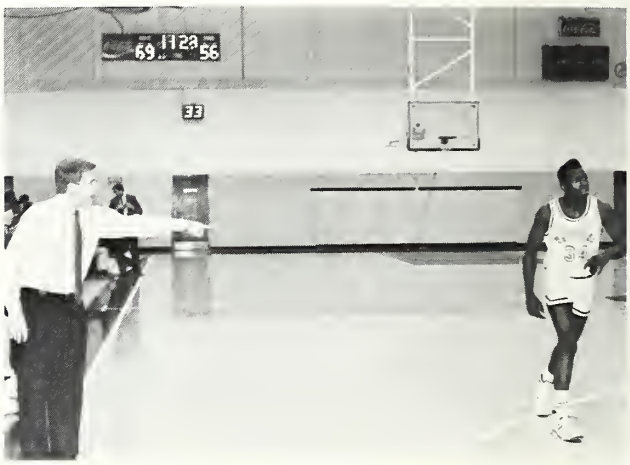
Coaching in the Bowen Style

There are styles of coaching, just as there are styles of dancing or boxing. Some coaches rant and rave; others chew on towels; and some throw chairs.

Nobody knows how these coaching styles develop. Perhaps it's related to the overall personality of the coach although it is well documented that a coach's behavior during a game is usually nothing like his behavior at other times.

Coach Jay Bowen, in his first year as East Central's men's basketball coach, is a "teaching coach." During the games, Coach Bowen makes use of what is happening in the game to instruct the players on the bench.

"We made two errors on that trip down the court, guys," Bowen was heard to say. "Mental toughness - that's what we've got to develop. Mental toughness!"



"Are you in your position, Tyrone?" Bowen asks of the freshman player.

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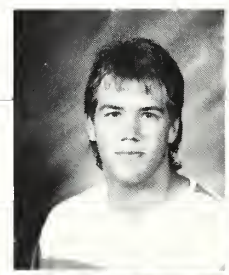

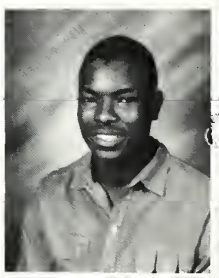

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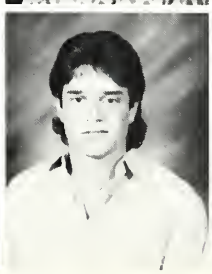
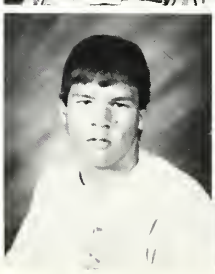

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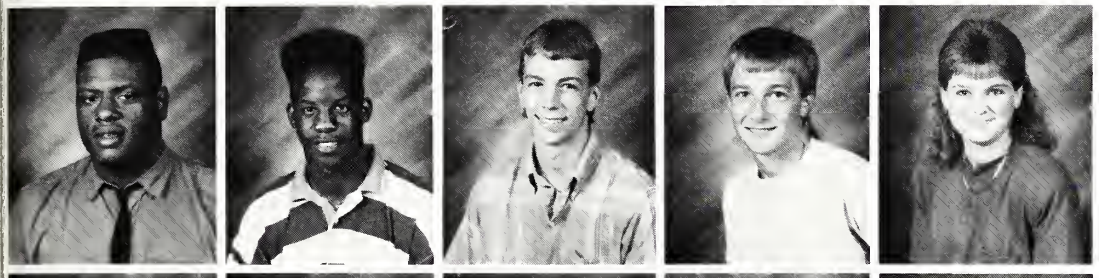

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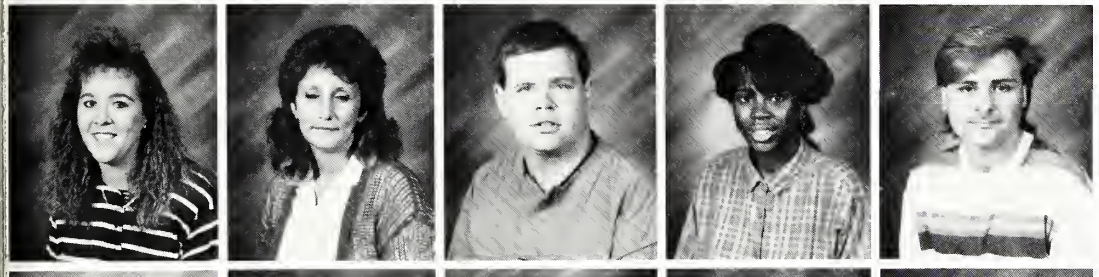

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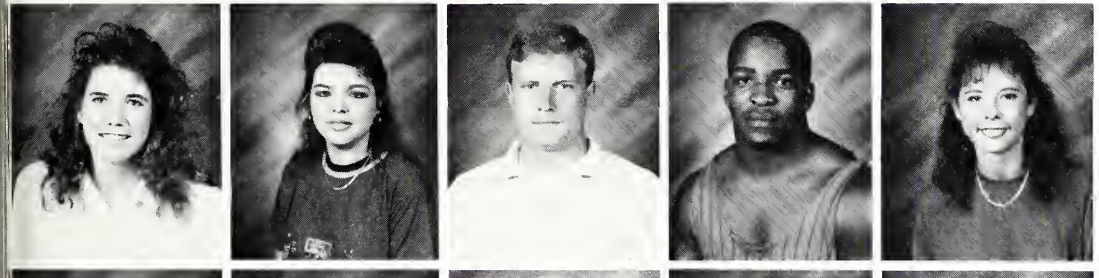

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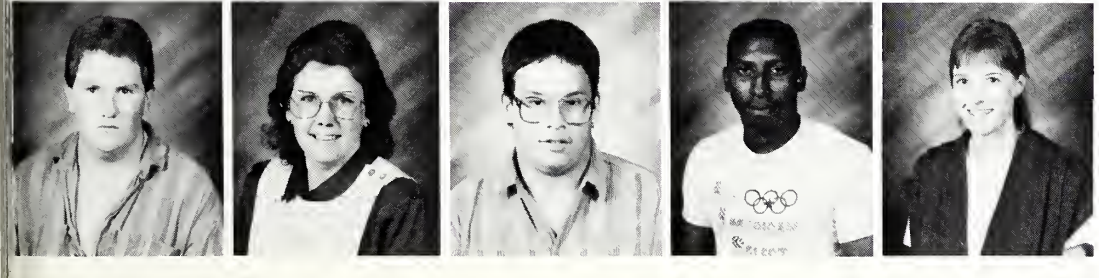

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Michael Roland, Leake Academy
Elizabeth Rowell, Lake

Greg Russell, Collinsville
John Sanders, Carthage
Nicole Sanders, Lake
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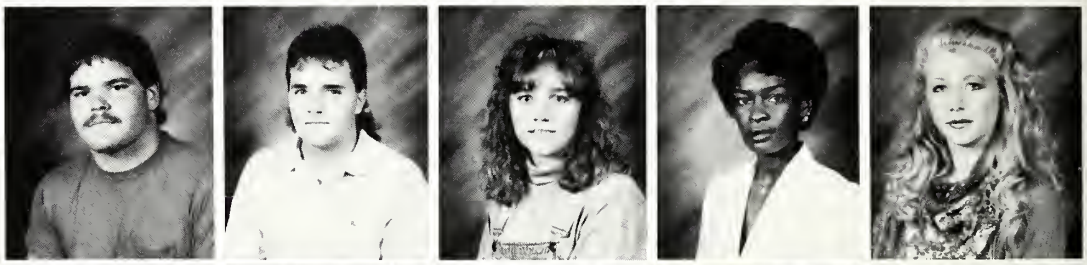

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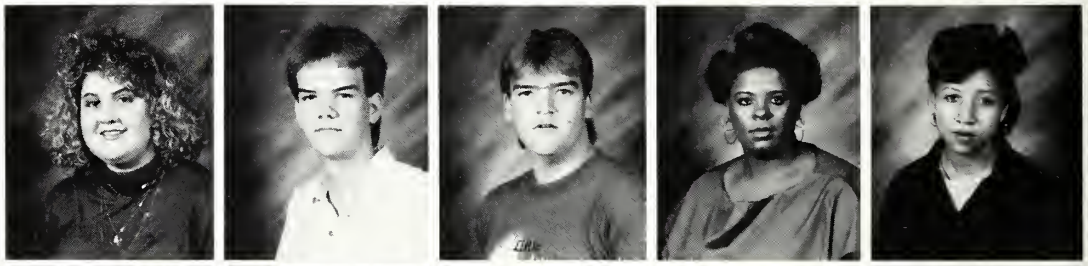

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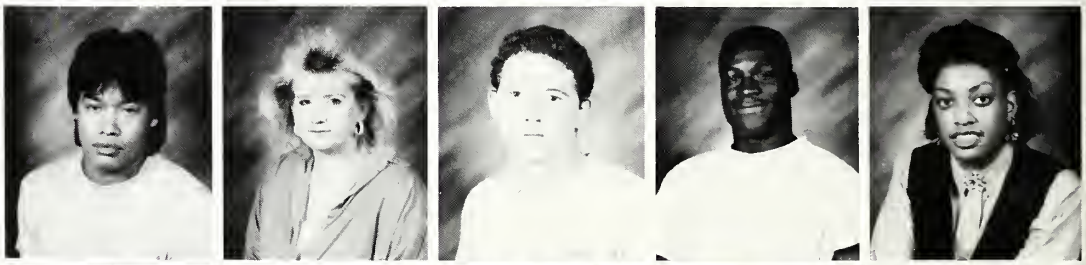

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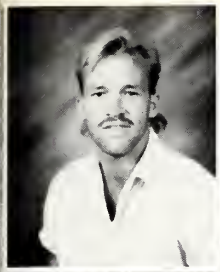
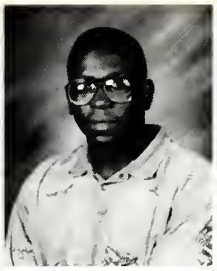
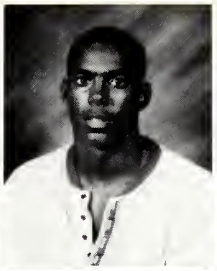

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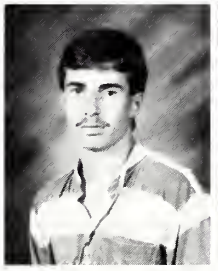
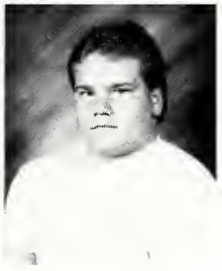

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Lisa Stribling, Philadelphia
Heath Stribling, Philadelphia
Lee Stuart, Morton

Megan Bailey gazes steadily toward the field to check out brother Brent.

The Littlest Warrior

Warrior fans come in all shapes, sizes, and ages. None was more loyal this season than pint-sized cheerleader mascot Megan Bailey.

With brother Brent a member of the Warrior football team, Megan did what she had done when he was in high school. She cheered for her big brother.

The seven-year-old is a second grader at Carthage Elementary School and got her Warrior spirit naturally since both her parents attended East Central.

Megan assisted the cheerleaders at every home game this season and almost all of the away games. She is already making plans for the 1990 season when she will again be cheering for her brother and for the Warriors.

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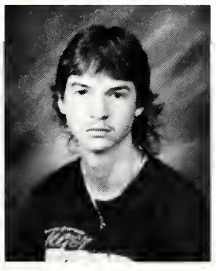
Rubin Tatum, Lawrence



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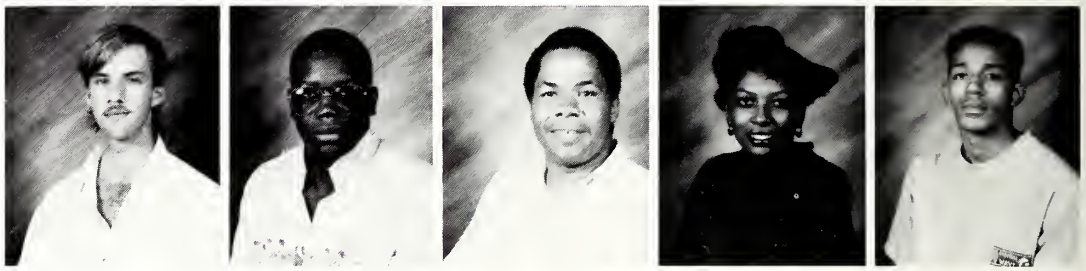

Exotic Holiday for Two Instructors

Thanksgiving 1989 will remain a vivid memory for two East Central faculty members who spent the holiday in Moscow, USSR.

Dr. Shelby Harris, Chairman of the Math and Science Division, and English instructor Carol Vickers were invited by the European Foundations organization to join forty other teachers from across the United States to visit the capital of Russia.

Included in the tour were visits to the Kremlin and Red Square, the tomb of Lenin, and St. Basil's Cathedral which was built in the thirteenth century.

With the temperature hovering at 11°F, Harris and Vickers tromped the streets of Moscow in six inches of snow, taking in the sights and observing the vast differences in life in the USSR as compared to life in Mississippi.

Clutching a flight bag, Shelby Harris prepares for trip with companion Carol Vickers.

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Nathaniel Tubby, Philadelphia
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Steve Tucker, Carthage
William Tucker, Louisville

Michael Nance
Kay Vaughn, Decatur
Neal Vaughn, Conehatta
Vanillife Vivians, Carthage
Daphne Vowell, Louisville

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Cherry Walker, Rose Hill
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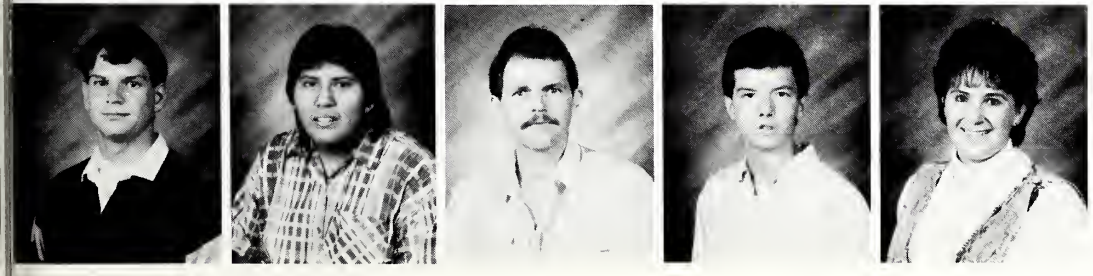

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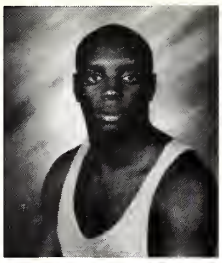
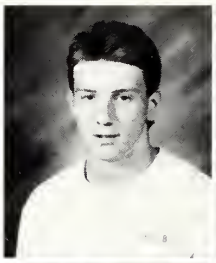

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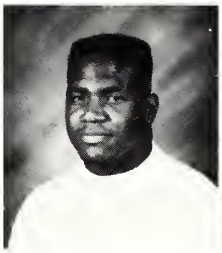
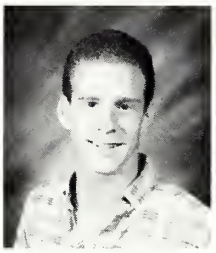
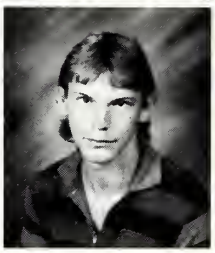





Class Officers

Sophomore Class Officers for 1989-90 are: Missy Smith, President; Bruce Mainka, Vice-President; Connie Myers, Secretary; and Diana Davidson, Treasurer. These officers were elected by popular vote and helped school officials coordinate class activities for the year.

Opie Ray, from Philadelphia, led the Freshman Class this year as President. Other officers are: Martie Brewer, Vice-President; Pam Gilmer, Secretary; and Buffy Reeves, Treasurer.

From "Dear John" to "Love,

A student who has never been away from his family does not know what it will be like to be gone from Mom and Dad for a long period of time.

Going off to college is a difficult and trying experience for most college students. Thoughts of friends back in high school, girlfriends and boyfriends in another school, possibly in another state, bring varying states of depression.

However, about 9 a.m. every morning, depression turns to joy for many students as they get out of their first period classes and race to the mailbox.

And sometimes, if the student is particularly lucky, there might be two letters and on a really good day a package.

There's just something about opening that box and finding a letter from home that makes the whole day go better.

Peering through the glass recently, a student was heard to mutter, "If that's a sweepstakes letter from Ed McMahon, I'll just die!" Fortunately, it wasn't a sweepstakes letter but a letter from a friend in military service, moaning about the fact that he would spend Christmas in a barracks.

Receiving mail, however, depends on the person also sending mail. If you want a letter from someone, the best way to get it is to write that friend a letter. It's just as much fun for someone else to get a letter as it is for you!

Joey Carpenter, a freshman from Carthage, eagerly opens his mailbox to see what surprises it might hold.

Stephanie Patrick (kneeling) has hit the jackpot, but Sharon Burnside ponders the sad fact that her box was empty.

Sophomore Heather Weidler and her mom fake a stand-off pose in Mrs. Weidler's office. Mom serves as a financial aid counselor.

Automotive Mechanics instructor James McNair enjoys a moment with his favorite pianist, daughter Deanna.

English instructors Ovid and Carol Vickers occasionally drop by the Auto Body Repair shop to check the work of their son, Ovid III, a student in that program. The younger Ovid states that it's sometimes rough having two parents on the faculty and that other students sometimes complain to him about his father's difficult tests.

Faculty Children Enjoy Mixed Blessing

Freshman Amy Alford seems to be in a pensive mood. Amy's mother who taught at East Central for twenty years this year moved to Phila.-Neshoba Voc. Tech. Center.

What's it like to know that your parents are checking on your every move? How does it feel to know that every wrong move will probably be reported immediately? Ask any of the faculty children who are enrolled at East Central this year, and they can tell you.

"I like knowing that my mother is available if I need her," freshman Kathy Pierce of Decatur said. Kathy and sister Kim's mother, Linda Pierce, works in the Registrar's Office and is available for a quick word of advice or comfort or for lunch money when needed.

Sophomores Heather Weidler, Ovid Vickers and Deanna McNair also have to bear the burden of having their parents right on campus all the time. "Mom and I are very close," Heather said. "I'm really going to miss being with her next year when I transfer."

Through the years, scores of East Central faculty children have gone through East Central. For the most part, the experience has been a pleasant one for both parent and child. The one disadvantage, according to this year's crop of faculty children, is that their parents know everything they do, seemingly even before they do it.

"Everybody else can go to Meridian on Thursday night, and as long as they are back by curfew, their parents never know it," Ovid Vickers complained. "My parents not only know if I've been but who I was with and what we talked about!"

Freshman Amy Alford, whose mother taught at East Central's main campus for twenty years and this year transferred to the Neshoba-Philadelphia Voc. Tech. Center, indicated that she wished her mother were back on campus. "For so many years, I came by to visit her here on the campus, and I was looking forward to being here with her. However, at least she doesn't know if I oversleep or if I'm late for a class."

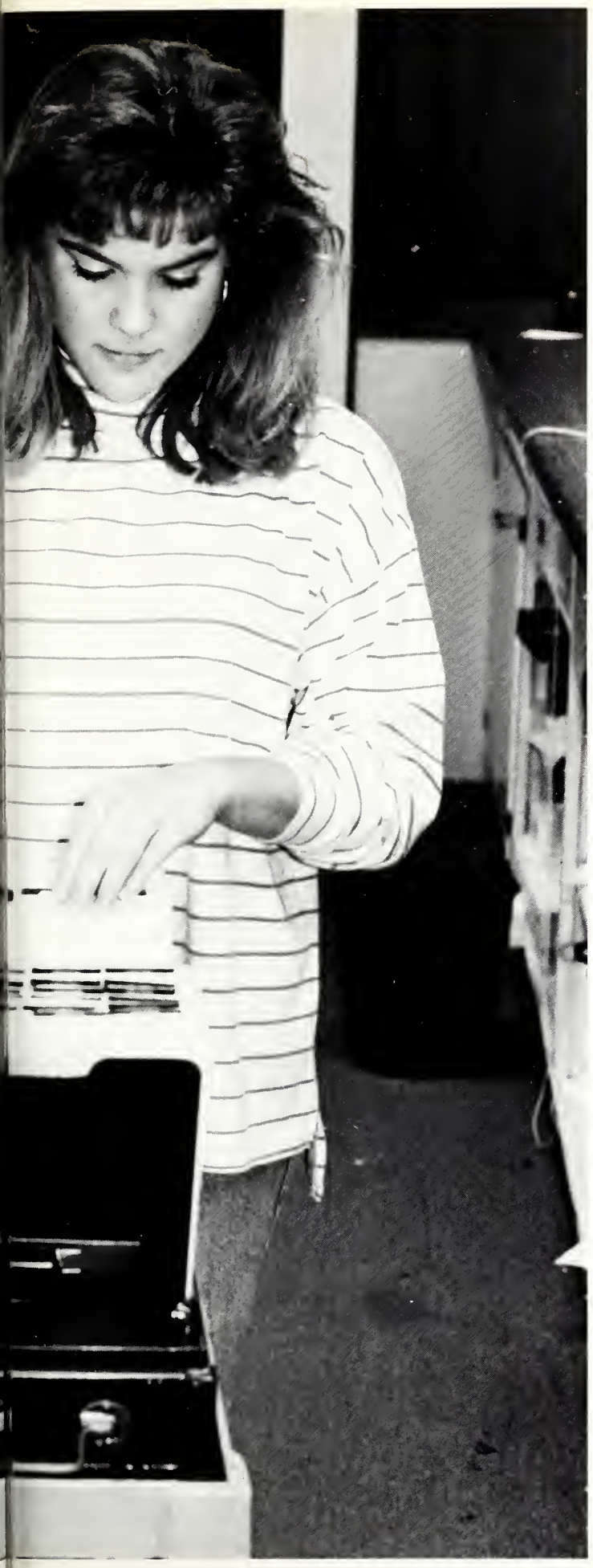
In the coming years, more faculty children will enroll at East Central, and they too will probably agree with this year's group that it is something of a mixed blessing.

Linda Pierce explains to daughters Kim and Kathy how to fill out a registration form in the Registrar's Office where she works.

There is never a dull moment in the Business Office, as student worker Anita Rivers found out.

Working in the library gave Sheila Thornton experience while Linda Henley assisted in the Public Relations Office.

The Registrar's Office became a second home to Nicole Sanders from Lake who worked ten hours a week there.



EC student workers see college from a different angle

"Working" Toward Degrees

For approximately sixty East Central students, going to school involves more than simply going to class and studying for tests.

These students are also employed as student workers by the college. As student workers, they perform various tasks from typing and filing to clipping newspapers, checking out books, and answering the phone in the dormitories.

In addition to this group of students, there is another group who work in the peer tutoring program assisting students who need additional help in specific classes.

The largest employer of student workers is the library which uses student workers during most of the hours the library is open.

Most of the students who work for the school do not find it a drudgery but enjoy their work. "The time passes off so fast," says Nicole Sanders who works in the Registrar's Office. "The ladies in the office have been very helpful, and I've learned a lot."

Tabatha Breazeale, a freshman from Neshoba Central worked this year in the Dean of Students' Office.

The Final Countdown

At a practice session prior to a pep rally, the Warrior cheerleaders find the task of building a pyramid a bit more challenging than they had bargained for. Fortunately, the group recovered and later built their pyramid perfectly.

Football players Paul Payne and Mitch Winton proved at the talent show that their talents are varied.

Talent winners Emily Graham, Tammitha Worley, Brian Waddell, and Tara Vandevender pose for a victory photograph.

Emily and Tara obviously enjoy performing for their fellow students, and their third place finish proved they were good.

Show Time at EC

The "laid back" attitude of the eighties was evident in the talent presentation of Jay Mathis and Marcus King.

East Central has never had a more versatile study body than the 1989-90 group, and the fall talent show proved it. Sponsored each year by the Student Body Association, the talent show offers an opportunity for students to display their talents while at the same time offering entertainment for other students and faculty.

This year eight acts were presented in the talent show, and the faculty members who served as judges had an unusually difficult time in declaring a winner. When the final decision was made, Tammitha Worley of Union who sang her version of Heart's hit song "Alone" was declared the overall winner.

Second place went to talented sophomore Brian Waddell whose "Bridge over Troubled Waters" was a real crowd pleaser.

Emily Graham and Tara Vandevender teamed up together to capture third place with their guitar and vocal rendition of "Closer to Fine" by the Indigo Girls.

Emceed by sophomore Biran Senn, the talent show acts ranged from lively rap numbers to contemporary piano numbers.

Leigh Ann Goolsby from Carthage pleased the crowd with "Wind Beneath My Wings."

Counting the Calories

College students all over the world complain every year about the food they eat in the college cafeteria. East Central students are, of course, no exception. English teachers each semester read essays on how bad the food in the cafeteria is — whether it is at East Central or an Ivy League school.

Can anyone explain then why every time the cafeteria opens there is a long line of students waiting to eat? Perhaps it is the odor of chicken frying or barbeque simmering that attracts students. Or maybe it is the feelings of friendship and the conversation during the meals that attracts them. Whatever it is, East Central students flock to the cafeteria when it opens.

"I never thought I would eat lunch at 10:45 in the morning," one hungry freshman was heard to say as he waited for the doors to open. "But here I am, and I'm here every day at this time."

The ARA Slater Corporation has been operating the East Central cafeteria since the early 1960s, an arrangement which has worked out well for both parties. Having a corporation operate the cafeteria frees the college from many of the hassles of having to order food, plan meals, and hire personnel.

During the time ARA has operated the cafeteria, the company has sent only two permanent managers to East Central. The first was Leonard Lee who retired last year, and the other is Chris Service who took Mr. Lee's place. Mr. Lee liked East Central and the surroundings so well that he retired here although his home is in North Carolina, and college officials predict that Chris Service will do the same.

Wanda Edwards and Nancy Triplett dig into the offerings from the salad bar. The salad bar is one of the most inviting aspects of EC's food line.

The topic of conversation at lunch with Dean of Men Joe Clark and Dean of Students Phil Sutphin probably revolves around problems with room assignments or plans for the next student activity.

Friends Stacy Radigan and Lovi Kirkland use the lunch hour as a chance to catch up on news of the morning.

English instructors Ovid Vickers and Leonard Barrier, embarrassed by the size of their luncheon choices, are caught offguard by the roving camera.

Whether it's soup and salad or heavier fare, it's appetizing to Robert Thompson and Samuel Watkins.

Freshman Premed major Chris Little of Philadelphia knows the importance of enough food to sustain hard work.

"No Pain, No Gain"

At EC The Body Counts

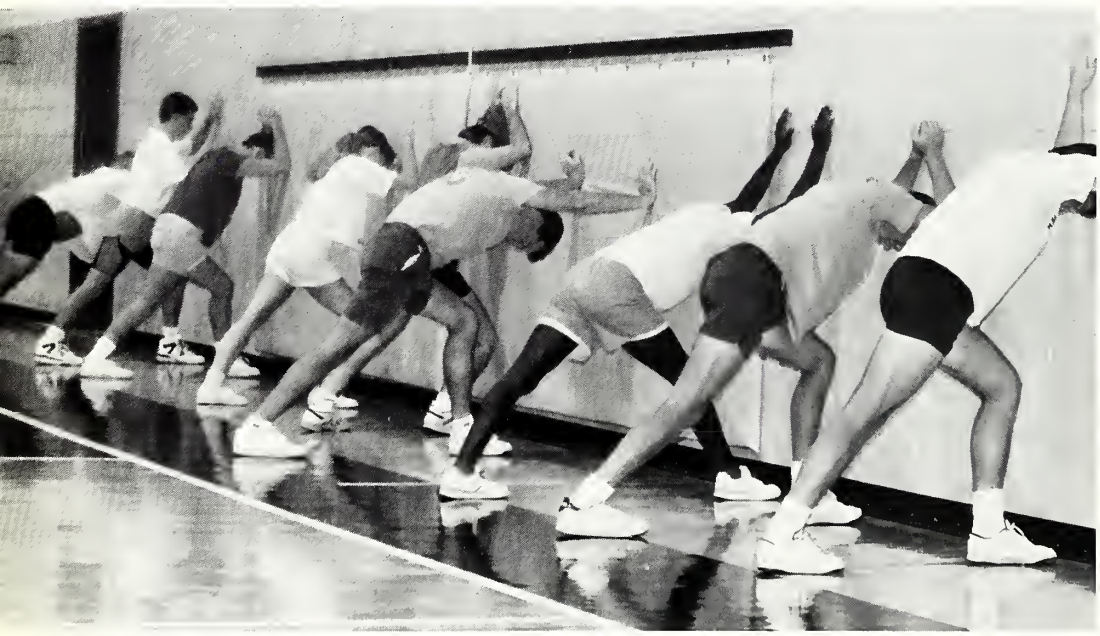
The current popular phrase "No Pain, No Gain" takes on new meaning when East Central students think about staying physically fit. With the new emphasis on fitness which is sweeping the country, students are breaking the image of being couch potatoes who only want to party.

Physical fitness classes have shown increased enrollments this year and around the campus after classes there is always evidence of students working to hone their bodies into shape. The tennis courts are a popular place with matches sometimes running into the 10 p.m. deadline for lights out on the courts.

In the activities gym, students occupy the weight lifting equipment during almost every hour, and the basketball court is never empty. A number of students have their own bicycles on campus and can be seen "tooling" around campus on pleasant afternoons.

A popular course on campus is the aerobics class which meets three nights per week with student Karen Valentine teaching the class for both students and adults.

Whatever the means, whenever the time, East Central students have learned the importance of being physically fit in order to make the most of their lives. "I never think about pain or gain," one student in Miss Wood's fitness class said. "The way we do it, there's really no pain but a lot of gain."



Prior to any strenuous exercise in fitness class, the group goes through a series of stretching maneuvers to get their muscles ready to work.

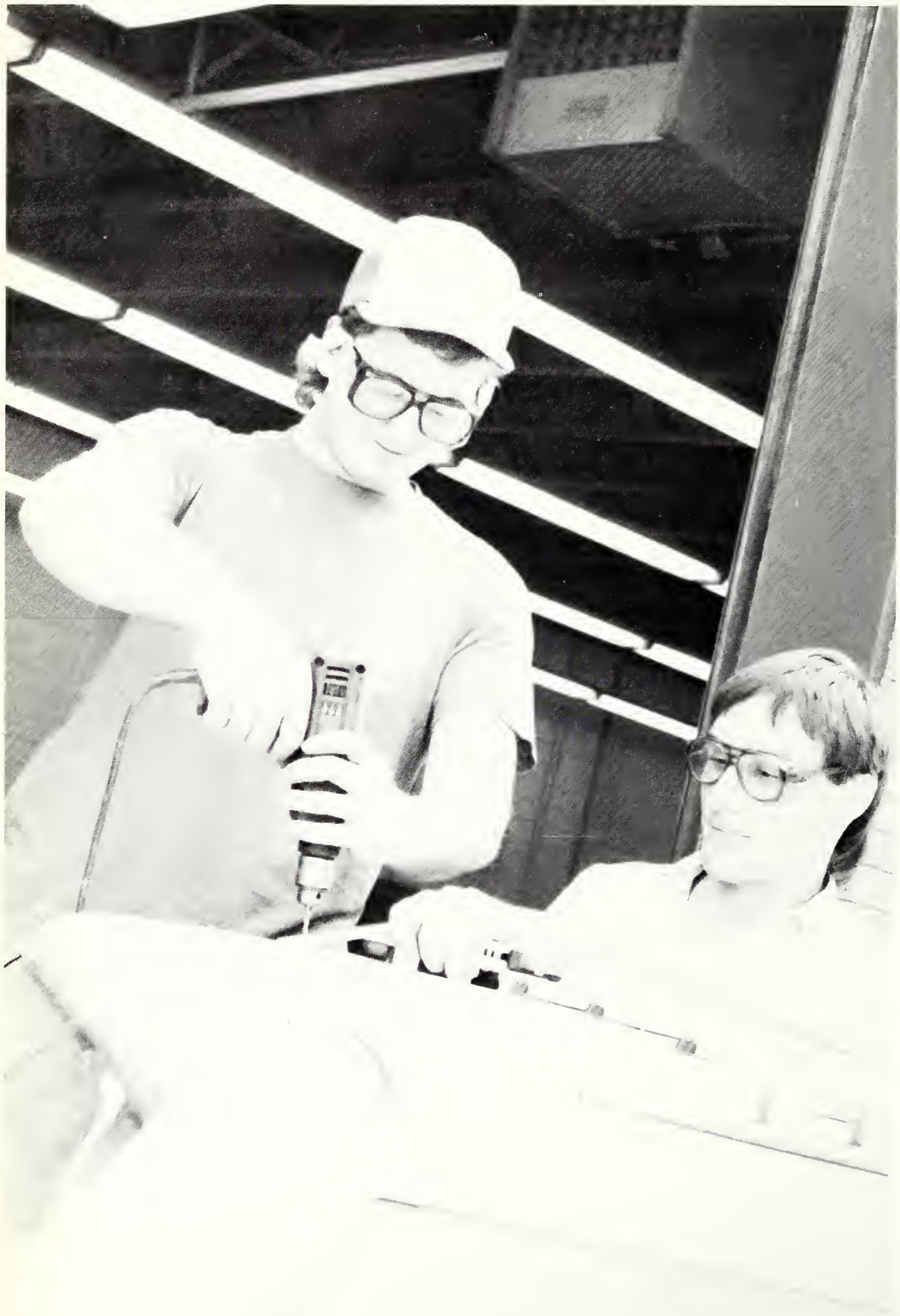
With his jumprope firmly in hand, Jeffery Winstead, a sophomore from Neshoba Central, keeps a wary eye out for other jumpers as he gets his heartbeat up to his target rate.

Freshman Scott Hines strains at the pull of the weights in fitness class. Each student develops his own weight program with the instructor's guidance and sets his own physical goals.

Football player Matt Rhodes has learned that staying fit and being involved in physical activity sometimes involves more pain than gain. An injury required Matt to spend time each day in the whirlpool.

The price of physical contact is often high as evidenced in the expression on Opie Ray's face following an injury in a football game. Opie is comforted by a visiting trainer who seems to share the pain.

Replacing the luggage rack on a station wagon in the auto body repair shop where he is a student is no problem for 6′7″ Mart (Smurf) Murphree. Friend Ovid Vickers, a mere 6′ tall, looks on.



"I enjoy being tall, but then I've never been anything else. My size has made me a lot of friends; I guess because people notice me more than they do an average size person.

Michael James

"Sometimes being short can be a problem. This past summer, they wouldn't let me shoot basketball at Lincoln Park Center because they said I was too short.

Tina Wilder

"It's all in the genes. I got the short genes; he got the tall. I've had to deal with this all my life, and it's been worse because I'm two years older than he is. When I was ten and he was eight, I had to look up at him."

Scotty Barrett

Whether 4'10" or 6'10" Size Doesn't Count

Scotty Barrett, two years older than brother Wesley, finds that standing on steps is the only way he can be taller than his younger brother.

"If all men were created equal, then why am I so short?" a comedian once quipped. Americans have always made a great deal over a person's height, even including a popular song which a few years back poked fun at short people.

At East Central Community College, size literally doesn't count. Pairs of best friends, with at least a foot's difference in their height, can be seen strolling around campus, oblivious of the difference nature has made in their sizes.

Occasionally, one will even see a dating couple in which the female is several inches taller than the male, a phenomenon which even a few years ago was almost unheard of.

Of course, one place where size sometimes appears to be a factor is on the basketball court. This year's men's team ranged in height from 5'8" to 6'10", but even there other factors can be more important than height.

According to an informal survey conducted by the yearbook staff, the shortest person on campus was a freshman girl who measured in at 4'10".

"It takes all kinds of people to make up a campus," this campus 'shorty' observed. "Think of all the problems I don't have because I'm short. And I get a lot of attention from tall guys!"

Trena Daverson and Tina Wilder stand in amazement as 6'9" basketball player Michael James towers over them. Michael is a freshman player from Gary, Indiana.

Having to Account for Ourselves

In keeping with its purpose of providing the very best education and training for all its students, East Central Community College at regular intervals undergoes a rigorous self-evaluation. This evaluation involves every faculty and staff member employed by the college along with a number of students.

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the agency which accredits the colleges in the Southeastern United States, visits the campus every ten years to reaffirm the college's accreditation.

Prior to this visit, and following the self-evaluation, a report details what the college is attempting to do, how it goes about meeting its goals, and ways in which the college can be improved to better serve the needs of its students and the five-county area which supports the college.

East Central has been fully accredited since 1939, a fact which indicates that the college has provided quality education for a long period of time.

Dr. Eddie M. Smith, as President of the college, is overall supervisor of the self-evaluation, with Raymond McMullan, Director of Admissions, Records, and Research, serving as Director of the Self-Study. A number of major committees are this year looking at every aspect of the college. Some of the areas being studied include Institutional Effectiveness, College Support Services, Physical Plant, and Faculty Preparation.

"It's a tremendous job," Mr. McMullan stated, "but one which we feel is important. It forces us to take a close look at ourselves, not only to see where we have been, but also to determine in which direction we should be headed in the future."

When the Visiting Committee comes to East Central in the spring of 1991, the self-evaluation will be completed written, edited, typed, and published. After months of concentrated effort, Dr. Smith and Mr. McMullan feel that the on-site visit by the SACS will be enjoyable.

Brenda Carson, Director of Financial Aid and a member of the Student Development Subcommittee, works with SBA President Hal Land and Vice-President B. J. Hailey, two of the students who worked with the faculty on the self-evaluation.

Raymond McMullan, Director of the Self-Study, assists the Self-Study secretary Deann Turk. Countless hours of research and study kept both Mr. McMullan and Ms. Turk busy.

Dr. Bradford Tucker, Dean of the College and Dr. Eddie M. Smith, President, listen intently while Mr. McMullan explains one of the criteria which the college must meet in order to be reaccredited.

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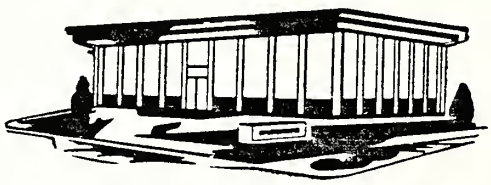

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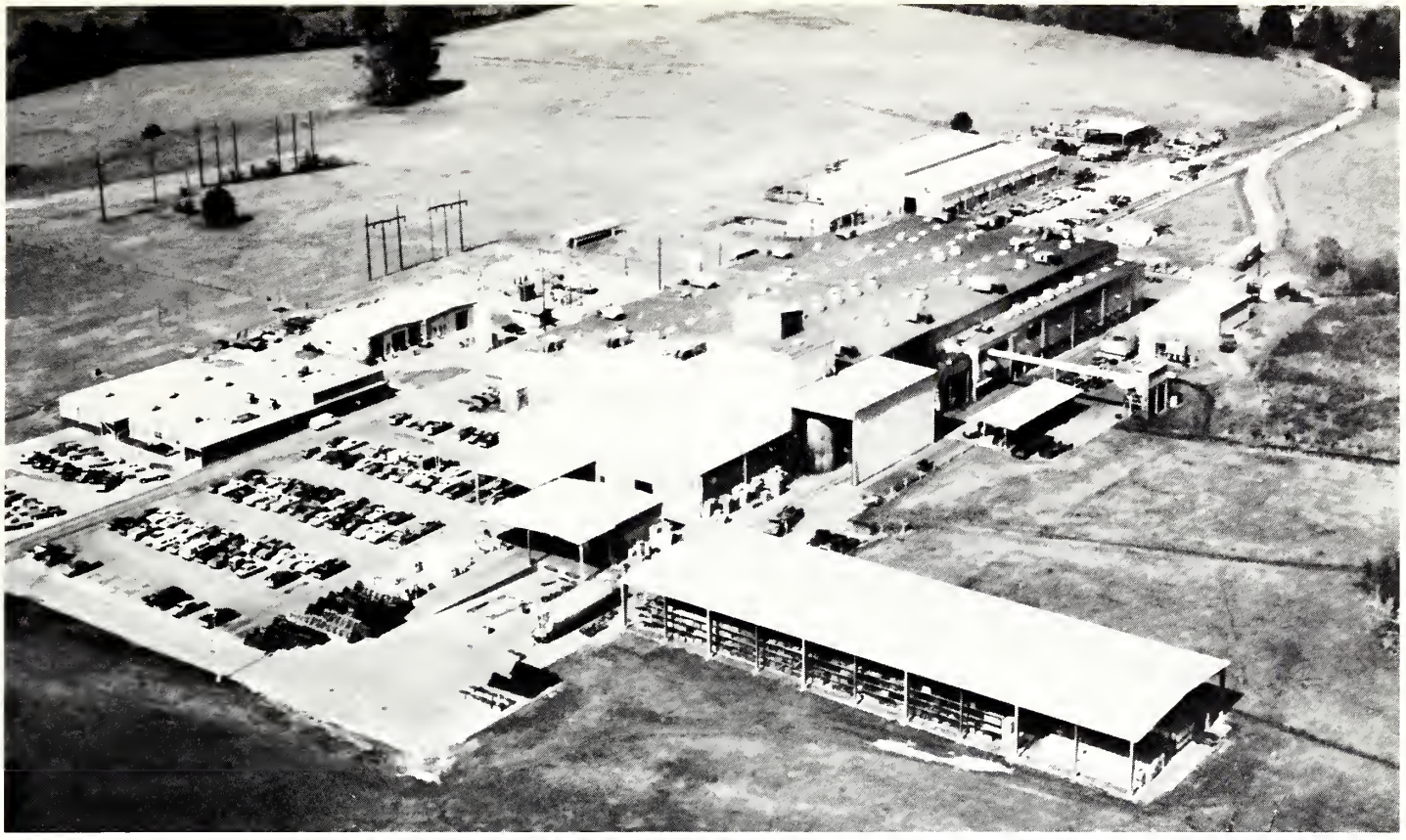

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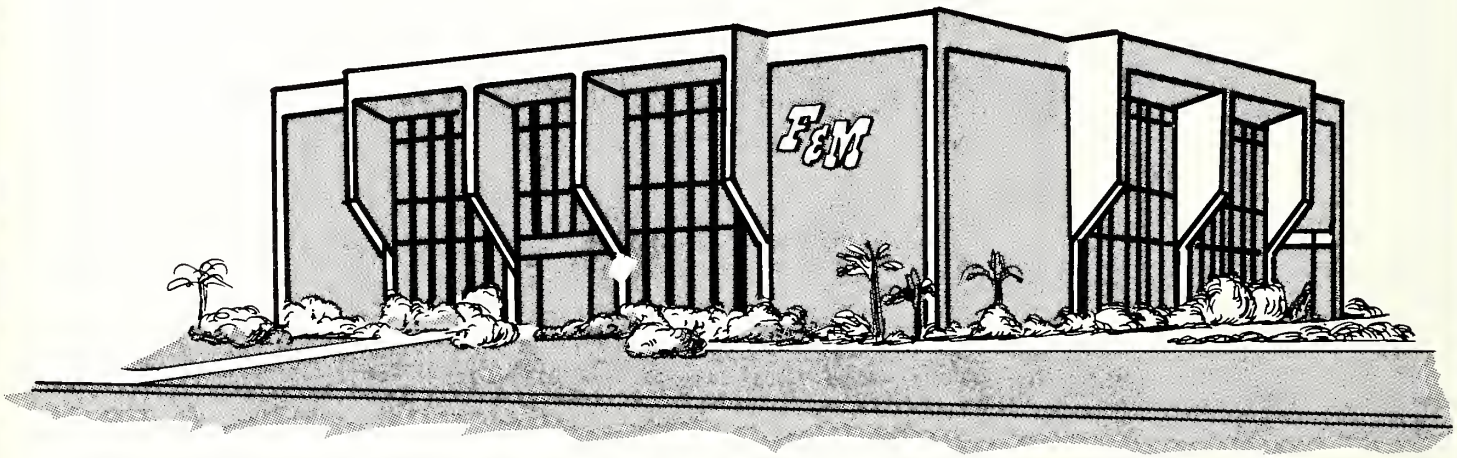

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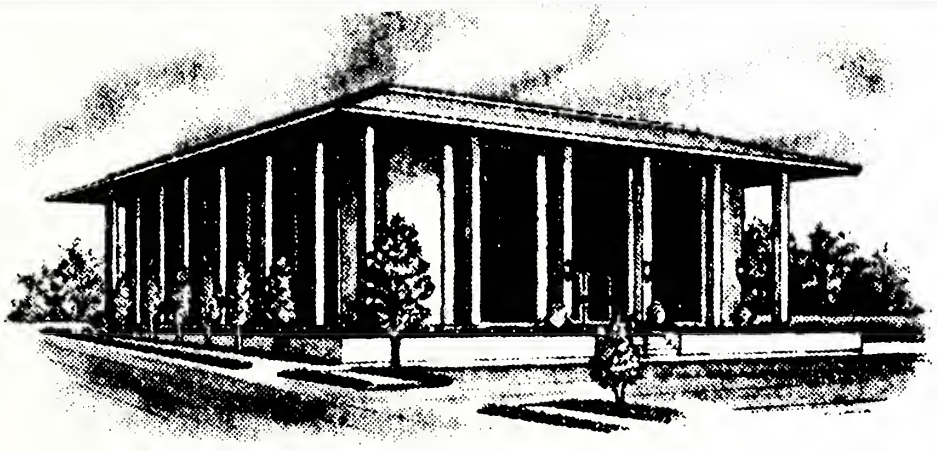

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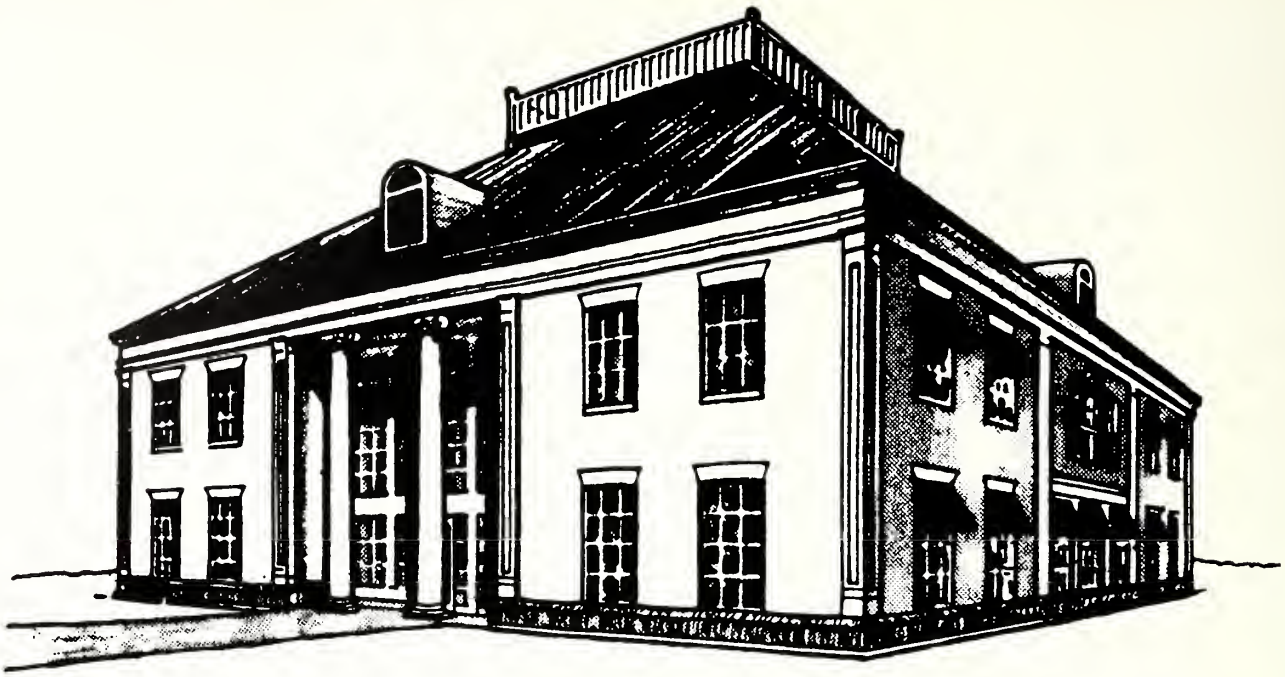

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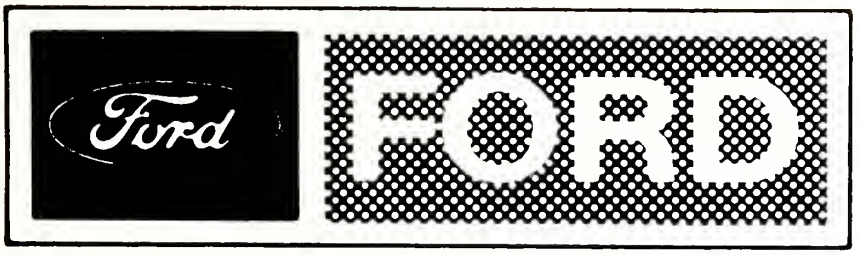

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The Alumni Association - Your Means of Coming Home to EC

The thousands of choices for wedding gowns are almost overwhelming for Tracy Ladd who will be married in the spring.

No matter how large or small, every girl's engagement ring is the most special one.

Cristina Williams and Candie Beckham admire the dresses in one of the many bride's books they read.

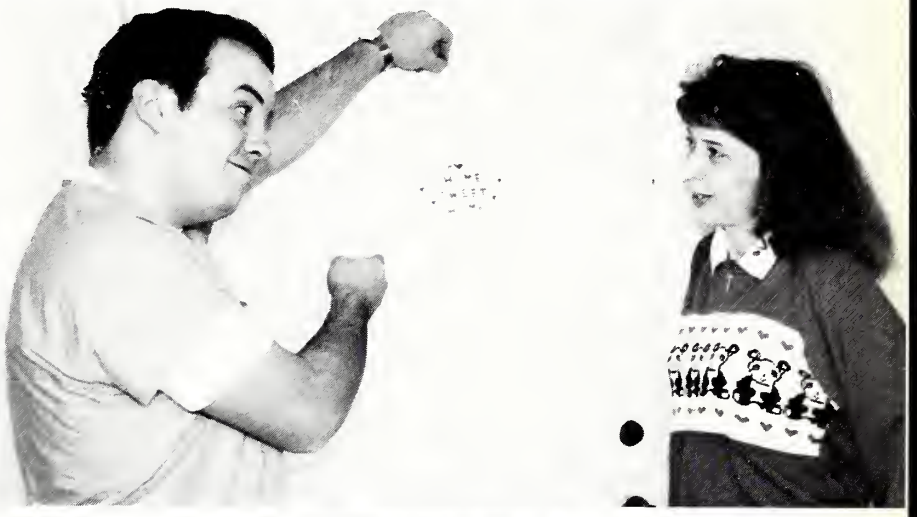
Cristina Williams, Candie Beckham, Cathy Carr, Dana George and Tracy Ladd proudly display engagement rings.

A Lifetime Together Begins at EC

At least six coeds heard wedding bells in 89-90

Through the years since its doors opened in 1928, the East Central campus has been the meeting place of literally thousands of couples who fell in love and married either while they were students or after graduation. This school year was no exception as at least six couples made plans to "tie the knot."

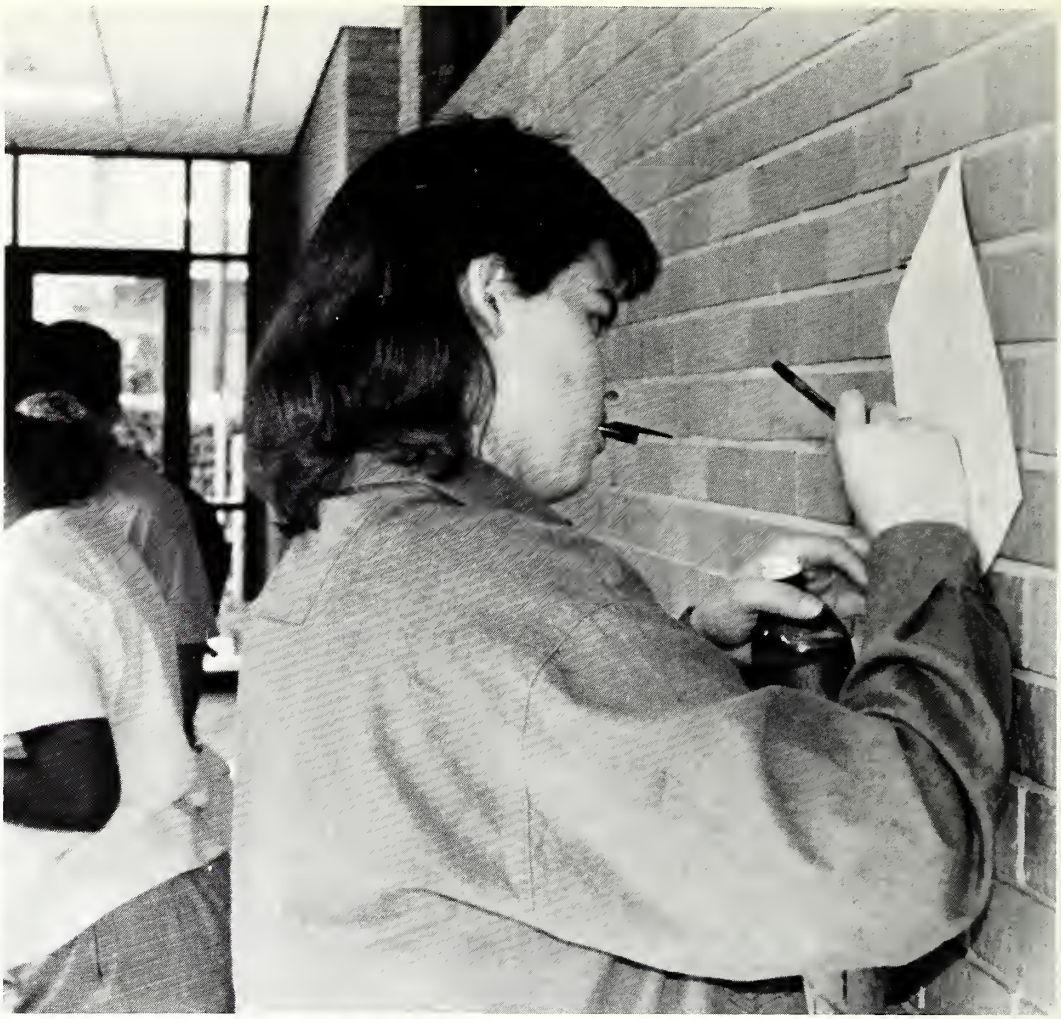
One wedding of interest was that of Candie Beckham and Johnny Beaver who met at East Central last year and were married on December 22, 1989. East Central will always remain a special place in the lives of not only this couple but all those who heard wedding bells during the school year.



Johnny and Candie Beaver discuss the exact placement at the entrance to their new apartment on the EC campus.

Sharing ideas about wedding invitations is one of the pleasures of being engaged for Tracy Ladd and Cathy Carr.

With pen in mouth and Coke in hand, freshman basketball player Shea Oakley of Louisville considers her ballot.



Tonya Moore seeks an explanation of the ballot during her first EC voting experience. Election officials Kerry Wilcher, Stephanie Patrick, and Bruce Mainka offer assistance.

Freshman Kim Wedgeworth places her ballot in the box. Following the democratic process, all elections at East Central are by secret ballot. Ballots are counted by members of the Election Committee and SBA officers.

Sophomore Sharon Burnside stops, books in hand, to vote in the Who's Who Election.

At EC Every Vote Counts

At least four times a year the Student Body Association pulls out the ballot box and sponsors an election on campus.

In the fall, class officers are elected; then there is the Homecoming election. In January Who's Who Elections are held, and in the spring as a prelude to the next fall, new SBA officers are chosen.

"Sometimes, things are a little sluggish getting started," SBA President Hal Land stated. "But once the first poster goes up, interest increases and petitions come in.'

East Central's SBA several years ago adopted the policy of requiring a petition for each candidate in an election. "This allows us to be able to check a student's eligibility before his or her name is put on the ballot," Land stated.

Different elections require different qualifications but generally an average of 2.0 and a certain number of hours are required.

Elections are seen by college officials not only as a means of choosing students for positions of leadership or honor but also as preparation for citizenship. Dr. Phil Sutphin, Dean of Students, summed it up by saying, "Students who take their citizenship seriously here at East Central will be likely to take it seriously when they get out of school."

Members of the election committee look on as Thomas Johnson, Philip Pope, and Dawn Alexander vote in the lobby of the cafeteria where all elections are held.

In Your East Central Experience What Has "Counted" the Most With You?

Faculty

It has been the caring attitude of the faculty that has meant the most to me. I'll never forget that.

— Nicole Gibbs

Friends

The thing which counts the most with me is the friends I've made here. Everything else might fade, but I'll always have the friendships.

—Leigh Ann Golsby

Class Experience

Definitely the hands-on-experiences I have had in my technical program. I feel I'm ready to go directly into an office and go to work.

— Gaye Bethany

Dorm Life

Learning to live in such close association with others in the dorm. It's very different from home life, but I've enjoyed it.

— Chris Childress

Baseball

Two things: the experiences I've had as a part of the Warrior baseball team and getting to know a certain young lady.

— Greg Perry

College Experience

Just the whole college experience. In high school, I thought about college, but I really didn't have any idea of what it was really like.

—Jeffery Johnson

In Memory

of

Nancy Hughes

East Central Freshman

1989-90

She was a member of the East Central family for a short time, but while she lived and played and studied here, she brought the warmth of friendship to those who shared the college experience with her. She was a person who cared.

Nancy was a happy person who reached out to people. Her friends sought her company because she always had time to sit and listen to the problems of others. When she sat in class, visited in the Student Center, or studied in the dorm, she was always among friends.

Nancy was a part of the 1989-90 academic year at East Central. It can certainly be said that although she will not be back, she will be with us in memory for a long, long time.

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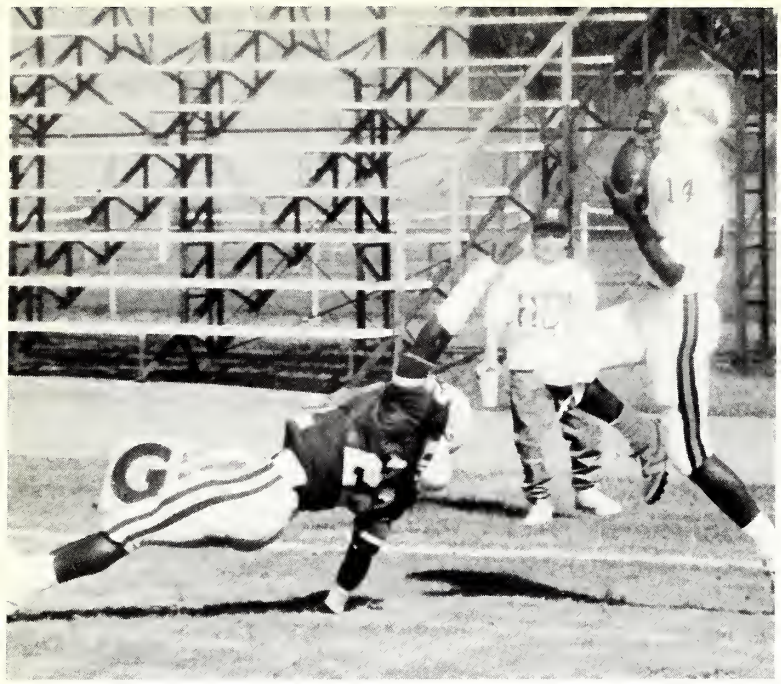

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Count us in!

Dances are fun; athletic competition is challenging; elections are suspenseful; and visiting in the Student Center is enjoyable. However, all of these activities are peripheral to the primary purpose for which East Central Community College, and all colleges, exists.

The principal goal of the college is to provide students with the best education possible. The success of East Central students who have transferred to universities or who have gone into the work place is the ultimate test, and the college has passed with flying colors.

The Scholar's Bowl Team represents the very best of East Central's academic achievement. Composed this year of Dana Gressett from Chunky, Cindy Hall from Neshoba Central, Connie Myers from Sebastopol, and Heather Weidler of Decatur, the team proves that academic excellence can be achieved while the student is involved in other campus activities. These were four of the busiest young women on campus, but while involved in other things, they still found time to maintain enviable academic records.

Team sponsor Dr. Shelby Harris assigned each member of the Scholar's Bowl Team a different area to be responsible for. For example, one member is responsible for higher mathematics, South America, and art while another is responsible for science and space technology, music, and Africa.

In the truest sense of the word, the Scholar's Bowl Team represents the best we have to offer. They are ready to say to the world, "If you're looking for someone to meet the challenges of the nineties, then you can definitely 'Count Us In!'"

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